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Day to Register and  
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## 10,000 AT S. F. UNITED LABOR TICKET MEET

### Labor Election Meet Displays Giant Strength

Delegation from Labor Ticket Protests  
Vigilante Inspired San Francisco  
'Disaster Preparedness Ordinance'

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—A delegation from the United Labor Campaign Committee, on the heels of the enthusiastic Ratification Convention held at the Civic Auditorium here yesterday afternoon, today called on the board of supervisors with a resolution protesting the possible passage of the vigilante-inspired "Disaster Preparedness Ordinance."

Approximately 10,000 people attended the Ratification Convention yesterday. There were 35 American Federation of Labor unions represented. In all, 68 groups and 60,550 organized workers were represented.

From the start, the temper of the convention was predominantly serious. Speakers and audience alike realized the tremendous importance of the United Labor movement. More than 95 per cent of the audience remained seated and attentive until the close of the meeting.

#### \* Slate Acclaimed.

The platform and slate of candidates were adopted unanimously by acclamation.

Ben Legere, United Labor Ticket nominee for sheriff, representing the San Francisco Council of the Democratic Party was chairman and made the keynote talk. He stressed the importance of united action at this time and declared the United Labor candidates are out, "to make San Francisco safe for union labor and the bright spot of America for all working people."

William Moseley Jones, Epic-Democratic leader in the California Legislature and guest speaker, opened his talk by quoting Section 2, Article I, of the State Constitution which states, "All political power is invested in the people." He expressed the hope that San Francisco workers would "come to Los Angeles and show us there how it is done."

#### \* Candidates Cheered

Candidates were introduced by Legere, Anita Whitney, representing the Communist Party and candidate for supervisor received a rising cheer as did Tanna Alex, Utopian Society representative and candidate for supervisor, George Andersen, municipal judge candidate and Redfern Mason, mayor Northern California Newspaper Guild.

Redfern Mason described how the city government would function under a United Labor group. He declared he would give no news to reporters not carrying a paid-up card in the American Newspaper Guild, that he would cause the arrest of all vigilantes.

Mason stated that he often is asked if he is a "Red". His reply is that "there is not a streak of yellow about me." When asked (Continued Page 2, Col. 7)

### Eugene Linder to Form Los Angeles Discussion Clubs

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23.—Eugene Linder, organizer of the Discussion Clubs in Los Angeles which are organized for the American League against War and Fascism, has returned from his vacation and is now working as Educational director for the American League against War and Fascism.

Linder, who has had wide organizational experience in the Discussion Clubs and in other working class organizations, will be a real contribution in organizing the workers and the honest intellectuals and middle class people in the fight against war and fascism.

### NEW "STRESA" CONFERENCE IS NOW SUGGESTED

MUSSOLINI REJECTS PLAN  
FOR PEACE, THEN  
CHANGES MIND

Ethiopia on Edge  
DIPLOMATS IN GENEVA  
PREPARE CARVING  
AS SOLUTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The war situation is in a greater state of indecision than ever with reports of Mussolini's rejection and then denial of rejection of the League proposals for peace. This is regarded in Ethiopia as a smoke screen for a prepared attack.

Sole hope for temporarily allaying the menace of hostilities lies at the moment in the suggestion for a new "Stresa" conference including Italy, France and Great Britain.

In the meanwhile, the diplomats at Geneva contemplate the "acceptable" carrying up of Ethiopia as the one sure road to even the "armed peace" that is the inevitable state of capitalism in its imperialistic zenith. France is said to have even considered the possibilities of "starting" a war and a "smashing victory" for Mussolini, to be immediately halted and peace acceptable to both sides declared.

What causes this delay in hostilities? Without a doubt, despite all the blusterings and movements of forces, no European power is anxious to begin a course of action that will lead them to know where. Mail reports continue to arrive with news of numerous strike actions against shipment of war materials, by French, Italian, Greek and other sailors, and the gunblines of popular revolt are heard everywhere, though as yet by no means crystallized.

Indicative of U. S. interest in the Italian-Ethiopian war situation are export figures:

Exports to Italy were \$1,000,000 higher in July 1935 than July 1934. In the first 6 months of 1935, 149,760 tons of scrap and other types of steel were exported—compared with 97,030 tons in the same period of 1934. These figures are complete as many contracts are being handled through foreign branch offices, which have arranged to route shipments through other European countries.

At the present moment war stocks whose products are used in war are popular in Wall Street; chemicals were particularly recommended, because labor costs are low in their production. The sales of the Douglas Air-Craft, the biggest designer of war planes, are up 10 per cent this year.

Little wonder, then, that vigorous anti-war action is being actively combatted indirectly from financially interested sources.

Thus Admiral William H. Standley, chief of naval operations, speaking in Atlantic City on Sept. 17

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### Emergency Call WITNESSES

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—Your help is needed to smash the lies on which Jim Garrison is being framed. All workers who were present at the meeting on May 1, 1934, in the evening, at 1223 Fillmore street, at which Garrison was chairman, report to the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market street, Room 410, or phone Underhill 3425. Your testimony can defeat the railroading.

### BRIDGES LEADS WAR ON FAKERS

Last Day of Session  
Sees Sharp Battle  
At AFL Meet

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 21.—The sharpest battle of the entire convention came in the last day's session with the presentation for approval of the officers' report. At the conclusion of the reading of Vandeleur's report, Harry Bridges of the I. L. A., San Francisco, objected to that part of the report which described the "California Federationist" (red-baiting organ of the State Federation of officials) as being "truthful and unbiased."

Quoting a statement from the "Federationist" which claimed that Communists were fomenting a strike on the waterfront, Bridges denounced the paper as being not only biased but containing as filthy lies as those which appeared in the Hearst Press.

That got Vandeleur's goat and he started shouting that he was being attacked by the "Waterfront Worker" and the "Western Worker" and virtually accusing Bridges of being the author of the first paper. Scharrenberg joined Vandeleur in the mud-slinging attack upon the rank and file leadership of the waterfront unions and the convention was in an uproar with progressive delegates on their feet replying to the lying attack.

Bridges denied having anything to do with the "Waterfront Worker" and in reference to his previous remarks about the lies in the "Federationist" declared: "I stand ready to back every statement I've made or you can throw me out of the State Federation!" The fight died down when Vandeleur railroaded through an acceptance of his report as president. The International Seamen's Union, I. L. A. and Marine Firemen of San Francisco insisted that it be recorded in the minutes that they refused to endorse that portion of the report which deals with the "Federationist."

#### \* Scharrenberg Squawks.

The fight broke out again when Paul Scharrenberg's report as secretary-treasurer was offered to the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## Federation Council Votes to Back Bargemen, Dockers

Two Ships Released  
As Negotiations  
Are Started

SAILORS NEGOTIATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Both offshore and steam schooner operators have notified seamen they will meet with the latter to discuss amendments of the existing agreement between shipowners and the International Seamen's Union of the Pacific Coast.

The negotiations committee, elected by the rank and file of the seamen's union will meet with the offshore employers at 2 p. m. today and already has had one meeting and another scheduled with the steam schooner employers.

Proposed amendments to the agreement officially will be presented to the offshore shipowners at the meeting today, the first the seamen have had with this group.

#### \* Two Ships Released.

Meanwhile, two vessels tied up on the coast have been released by the unions. They are the Manukai here and the Point Ancha at Seattle. Neither tie-up concerned "hot cargo" from the strike area at British Columbia, which seamen on the authority of the Maritime Federation, have refused to touch.

Both groups of seamen—offshore and steam schooners—are asking clarification of certain ambiguous points of the award, increased wages and better all-around working conditions. Hitherto employers, notably offshore groups, stubbornly have refused to grant the seamen even the fundamental right of collective bargaining.

The negotiations committee for the workers consistently has pointed out the request for clarification of the award has nothing to do with the tie-up of British Columbia cargo, which in itself is a matter for the Labor Relations Board and not for the committee to discuss.

### Jackson Miner Goes On Trial Sept. 28 For Arms Frame-Up

James Workman, militant striker and member of Mother Lode Miners' Union No. 48, which has been on strike against the "Gold Trust" mines of Amador County since October 1, 1934, goes on trial Sept. 25 in Amador County Superior Court for possession of deadly weapons at Jackson, Calif.

The weapons were found in the automobile by a deputy after the mine-strikers were locked up.

Workman will be defended by Attorney George Andersen who has been retained by the International Labor Defense.

### BRIDGES ANSWERS EMPLOYERS

The Waterfront Employers' Association is at the present time engaged in a deliberately planned program directed at disrupting the International Longshoremen's Association and maritime unions. The present situation on the San Francisco waterfront is the result of a conscious, planned attempt by the Waterfront Employers' Association, the River Lines, the Santa Cruz Packing Co. and other employer interests to create chaos and strife in San Francisco. In spite of the employers' sanctimonious statements to the public and the press, if difficulties should result from the present situation the entire responsibility will rest upon the employers.

These employers, who have been loudly proclaiming that they desire peace, have, by prearranged program, taken the lead to cause industrial strife. Blacklisting of workers and lock-out of ions are dangerous devices.

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### Employers Back Of Disruption At Scaler Meet

TROUBLE MAKERS TURNED  
LOOSE TO FILE NEW  
COMPLAINTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—Connections between employers and an attempt to disrupt a meeting of the Ship Scalers' Union here Saturday night were revealed today when three reactionary members of the union, arrested in connection with the trouble at the meeting were released to file additional complaints against their brother union members. . . . Charges of "assault to commit murder" were dismissed against George Woolf, president of the union and another member, Frank Perry. Six other members, however, were held and will be up for hearing on the new complaints Oct. 3.

Nine workers were injured in the battle precipitated at the Saturday night meeting by a reactionary member of the union who had entered the hall with a razor in his pocket. The membership protested the weapon and when the man attempted to flee the meeting was thrown into an uproar.

#### \* Woolf Arrested.

Twelve men were arrested. George Woolf was arrested at the hospital where he had gone to see the injured workers. He had taken no part in the fight at the hall and today declared the whole thing was brought about by contractors who are attempting to disrupt the Scalers' Union, a rank and file, militant organization.

Saturday's meeting was called after a petition had been presented, carrying forty-three names and requesting a special meeting for the purpose of "discussing the strike." Scalers have been on (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

### Arbitration Seen As Shipowners Force Crisis on Docks

HUNDREDS BLACKLISTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—The District Council of the Maritime Federation at a special meeting here last night voted to stand back of the bargemen and the longshoremen in every way, in their present dispute with the shipowners.

The waterfront situation, at a late hour this morning, remained unchanged. However, it was reported the whole question will go to Judge Sloss for arbitration at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Nearly 400 workers had been blacklisted to date by shipowners for their refusal to scab on the striking bargemen.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—Attempts by waterfront employers to force longshoremen into the position of strikebreakers handling cargo already declared unfair by striking barge workers today nearly precipitated another big walk-out on the local waterfront.

Meanwhile the question had already been discussed by longshoremen and representatives of the shipowners at a meeting of the Labor Relations Board this afternoon and employers suggested the matter of handling "hot cargo" be referred to Judge M. C. Sloss, arbitrator for the board.

A crisis was precipitated last week end by barge operators who have not settled with striking bargemen and who themselves named the Sutter from Sacramento, loaded by strike-breakers, which dumped "hot cargo" at several piers here.

#### \* Picket Docks.

Bargemen pickets immediately were thrown up at the piers and longshoremen refused to pass through the lines. The Waterfront Employers' Association announced its intention of blacklisting all longshore gangs which refused to penetrate the picket lines or to handle the scab cargo.

Such blacklisting, as pointed out by Harry Bridges, is contrary to the longshore agreement which specifically permits workers to choose their jobs or to refuse work if they wish.

Confronted by the militancy on the waterfront employers backed down today and made no more requests that longshoremen work the scab cargo.

#### \* Many Police.

Concentration of police along the waterfront angered the workers and in at least one instance longshoremen refused to work until the cops were withdrawn from the vicinity.

Approximately 275 longshoremen and car unloaders had been blacklisted by the employers by noon today but no further "suspensions" had been reported at a late hour this afternoon.

The District Council of the Maritime Federation, meanwhile, called a special meeting for tonight at which the present maritime situation was to be discussed. Longshoremen, seamen, bargemen and other maritime unions are affiliated to the Maritime Federation, an organization dreaded by shipowners because of its power and popularity with the workers.

"Hot cargo" from the Sutter had been unloaded at piers 39, 33, 29, 7, 28, 30, 38, 44, 48-B, and the State Terminal. Two ships, the Dorothy Wintermote and the West Ira sailed yesterday, minus "hot cargo" consigned to them.

## THE FEDERAL FRAME-UP AGAINST GARRISON

The arrest of James Garrison, District Educational Director of the Communist Party, and attempts now being made to railroad him to the penitentiary for an alleged attack on an army officer's daughter, stands out as the clumsiest and vilest effort ever made to slander and arouse prejudice against the Communist Party. Unable to meet the arguments of Communism, reactionary forces are now stooping to crude, cowardly conspiracy.

This new line of frame-up represents the introduction of Federal Agents into the attack against Communism. The fact that Criminal Syndicalism frame-ups have developed into veritable universities of Communism, arousing enormous mass protest and revealing more clearly than anything else the validity of Communist teachings, may be cited as one of the reasons for this new attempt to frame a Communist on a

criminal charge outside political and economic issues.

The whole infamous conspiracy of the attempt is apparent in the following facts:

The attack is alleged to have taken place in the San Francisco Presidio (military reservation) on the evening of May 1, 1934. This day is the greatest international revolutionary holiday on the calendar. The planning and participating in meetings, demonstrations, etc., makes it one of the busiest days for Communist Party members. Jim Garrison is a leading Party member. On that night he was chairman of the May Day meeting of the Fillmore sub-section in the hall at 1223 Fillmore street. Before the meeting, he was busy in the hall with decorations and with fixing up the loud-speaker apparatus. Garrison is an electrician by trade. Prior to the opening of the main meeting, he was present in the same hall at

an unemployed meeting which took up several important matters and then hastily adjourned to make way for the May Day celebration. He was busy and active at this duty the whole day until late at night, like every other leading Party member on this day. Dozens of people will testify that Jim Garrison was miles away from the scene of the supposed attack at the time it was supposed to happen.

Jim Garrison is a married man and has a baby eighteen months old. His character is of the highest quality.

When the alleged attack took place in May, 1934, it was reported as the act of a couple of drunks. No complaint was ever filed about it—nothing done.

However, eleven months later, wild, hysterical reports appeared in the Hearst press declaring that Communists had attacked a Major's daughter in

the Presidio. The stories were slyly written without dates, giving an impression that the thing had just occurred. Investigation showed that they were referring to this vague, unauthenticated attack back in May, 1934.

The statement that Communists were involved was based on the assertion of Major Albert M. Jones that since he had been active in efforts to keep Communists off relief work in the Presidio, the attack may have been an act of revenge. The whole thing was a Hearst scare invention. It was soon dropped and forgotten. Federal men, at that time, visited 37 Grove street, Communist headquarters and talked to Garrison about it, but seemingly no action was taken at that time toward a frame-up, and the matter was dropped.

On the afternoon of September 17, a year and five months after, two Federal agents entered the (Continued on Page Six, Column Two)



BRIDGES LEADS PROGRESSIVE FIGHT ON REACTIONARIES AT STATE FEDERATION AFL MEET

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convention. Scharrenberg claimed in this report that he had been illegally expelled from the International Seamen's Union. He also stated: "Throughout the controversy the official Pacific Coast organ of the Communist Party directed the attacks upon your secretary and brazenly demanded the expulsion of several other outstanding members of the I. S. U. who had refused to swallow the Communist program."

A delegate from the Seamen's Union jumped to his feet to say that Scharrenberg's expulsion had been strictly legal, that he had been expelled by a majority vote of two to one.

Another seaman delegate proposed to amend the report deleting "the propaganda of Paul Scharrenberg against the Seamen's Union." Vandeleur ruled the amendment out of order. Bridges got the floor and appealed to the convention to give the Seamen's Union a fair deal.

**\* A Hurried Vote.**

Scharrenberg shouted accusations through the mike at the I. S. U. delegation. "They told the International to go to hell!" screamed Scharrenberg.

With delegates of the I. S. U. on their feet seeking to answer the charges of Scharrenberg, Vandeleur hurriedly brought the debate to a close by putting the question as to acceptance of the secretary's report. The I. L. A., I. S. U. and Marine Firemen went on record as not accepting the report.

Another controversy arose over Vandeleur's proposal of an increase of one cent per capita tax for the creation of a legal defense fund. Progressives expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of such a fund but proposed taking the matter back to the workers by a referendum.

**\* No Referendum.**

"The proposal is correct in principle and I believe in it," declared Harry Bridges, "but such a thing should come from the bottom up, not from the top down. By referring this back to the workers it will get much publicity."

George Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers of San Francisco proposed an alternate to Vandeleur's proposition. Kidwell favored setting up a legal defense department with the financial burden falling on those districts using its services. The convention voted to establish a legal defense fund and voted the one cent per capita increase when it was disclosed that a referendum would delay action for a year.

President Vandeleur was authorized by the convention to send a telegram to the Arizona State Federation of Labor asking if that body adopted a resolution denouncing Tom Mooney, as reported in a Hearst News dispatch to the San Diego Tribune.

The convention closed with the inauguration of the new officers.

TRIAL OF 6 ON "RIOT" FRAME-UP IN EUREKA IN FOURTH WEEK

Case Expected to Go to Jury Tuesday—Gallagher Halts "Red-Baiting"

EUREKA, Calif., Sept. 23.—The third frame-up "riot" trial here in connection with the police attack on the Lumber and Sawmill Workers picket line here on June 21 is drawing to a close after three full weeks. With all testimony taken it is expected that the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

J. A. Buchanan, Albert Lima, Lee Virken, Geo. Starvich, P. Radechik and Harry Johnson, six of the 150 workers who were jailed during the reign of terror in Humboldt County following the June 21 massacre, are charged with rioting. Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, is defending four of them. Buchanan and Lima are defending themselves.

Prosecuting Attorney A. G. Bradford has been particularly vicious in this case. Before the trial began a defense witness, a woman who had been at the scene of the massacre in which three pickets lost their lives and eight were wounded, was jailed. During her incarceration Bradford visited her in the jail and tried to force her to sign a "confession" that she had not been near the scene of the fight. She refused.

During the trial Bradford endeavored to bring in the red-scare as he had done in the two previous trials, but Gallagher effectively prevented him from being more than partially successful in this move.

Bradford was obliged to bring Archie Kirkpatrick, the officer who was supposed to have fired the first long range gas shell that precipitated the bloody affair, onto the witness stand. In the two previous trials Bradford avoided this, but Gallagher's move to subpoena Kirkpatrick forced Bradford's hand. Kirkpatrick testified that everything was quiet when the first police car arrived on the scene; the pickets were "just standing there."

So far not one worker has been convicted in these trials. Eugene Miller, defended by Gallagher in the first of them, is now waiting a new trial since the jury disagreed. Three workers defended by Blaine McGowan were acquitted.

Officials Silent As Ku Klux Klan Grabs Film City Epic Club

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 17.—The Glendale Epic Club has been seized by members of the Ku Klux Klan, it became known here today, and although Upton Sinclair and the End Poverty League have been notified of the "push" by the KKK, no action has been taken by Epic officials thus far to oust these semi-fascists and return the club to the genuine Epic members.

On August 15 a meeting of the club was called, but cards of notification were sent only to a selected group. Bert Gorman, well-known figure in the Klan in Glendale, was elected President of the club, although he has never been an Epic and was not present at the meeting while being nominated. Dr. F. O. Keyes, reported "friend" of Sinclair, nominated Gorman.

Others in the frame-up election who are believed to be klansmen include L. R. Yundt and Jack Higgins.

Oregon Criminal Syndicalism Cases To Come Up Oct. 2

PORTLAND, Oregon, Sept. 19.—Word has just been received here appeals to the Oregon Supreme Court on the cases of Dirk De Jonge and Kyle Pugh, convicted in Oregon last year on charges of criminal syndicalism, will be heard by the court on October 2, at 1 p.m. Pugh received a sentence of five years and De Jonge a sentence of seven years in the Oregon State penitentiary. Their arrests grew out of their activities last year in organizing support for the Pacific coast maritime strikers. The appeal will be handled by the International Labor Defense.

Those opposed to the frame-up charges against these militant workers are urged to write or telegraph immediately to the Oregon Supreme Court, Salem, Ore., calling upon that body to reverse the decisions of the lower courts.

Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

RED DRIVE HIT BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AIDE

ATHEARN QUILTS PLOT TO MISLEAD PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Charging that the United States Chamber of Commerce was conducting a subversive and un-American campaign to stifle academic freedom, Clarence R. Athearn resigned from the subversive activities committee of the Chamber.

After doing research work for six months, Athearn became convinced that the Chamber of Commerce was deliberately misleading the public, using an attack on Communism to cloak its reactionary policies.

In his letter of resignation, Athearn said:

"I do not wish to have any part in the preparation of false propaganda. The material on Communism issued by the chamber is so biased as to mislead members of the chamber and the public."

"I have been asked to write an article on 'Communism's Threat to Academic Freedom.' There has been placed in my hands a copy of the resolutions passed by the Indiana Department of the American Legion, resolutions directly attacking President G. Bromley Oxnam of DePauw University (Greencastle, Ind.) I am informed that the article on 'Communism's Threat to Academic Freedom' is to be used in following up this attack."

"This instance reveals the fact that the chamber's propaganda is an attack on academic freedom. My father gave his life in the battle for academic freedom, and I do not propose to betray his blood."

Athearn's father, the late Dr. Walter Scott Athearn, was once ousted from presidency of Butler University, at Indianapolis, for upholding the tradition of academic freedom.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce admitted that Athearn had been a good worker, and could find nothing to say in denial of his charges.

PRESS IGNORES LABOR MEETING; AIDS GRAFTERS

WOULD PRAISE THE DEVIL IF HE WOULD PAY

By a Worker Correspondent.

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Press Ignores Labor Meeting; Aids Grafters

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L. A. Jobless Jail Conditions Will Be Protested to City

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Determined to force the City Council to hold an open investigation into the discrimination against political prisoners in the Lincoln Heights jail, and demanding the removal of Capt. Shand as jailor for brutal practices, a strong committee organized by the International Labor Defense will visit the Council Friday Sept. 27.

All workers' organizations are urged to send representatives to this committee, and to communicate with the I.L.D. in the Mason Opera House Building.

Medical treatment has been denied political prisoners in the Lincoln Heights jail, and they have been given poor food and refused reading matter brought them by friends.

These political prisoners include four workers framed by police following the charity "riot" of June 1, 1934, who are Harold Hendricks, Joseph Toth, John Sanders, James McShann is suffering from a back injury as a result of police brutality, but has been denied a brace for his back by the jail officials. Hendricks also needs medical attention, which has been denied him, although the I.L.D. has offered to furnish a physician.

Communist Party members, write in about unit activity.

REST OF BRIDGES' ANSWER

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Before the 1934 strike, longshore work was controlled by the employers through their own company controlled union. If a worker protested against the intolerable conditions then prevailing, he was blacklisted on all the docks and his means of gaining a livelihood was ended. Evidently it is this state of affairs that the Waterfront Employers' Association is seeking to restore. To effect this end it seems that they are trying to build up a group of experienced strikebreakers by attempting to force I. L. A. men to work certain cargo under strike conditions even though the men and gangs are guaranteed the right by the arbitration award to pick their own jobs.

**\* Bargemen's Strike.**

The Bargemen's Union, affiliated with the International Longshoremen's Association, has been on strike for several months against some 17 companies shipping river cargo. Through peaceful and conciliatory methods, the bargemen have secured recognition and agreements with all but three of these companies. These three companies, however, headed by the River Lines, whose president and son helped unload cargo with guns strapped to their side, have refused to sign the same agreement that the other companies have signed, as a reasonable and fair contract. This company seems bent on keeping the situation in a state of turmoil and has constantly refused the repeated requests of the bargemen to effect a peaceful settlement. The waterfront Employers' Association have requested that longshoremen handle cargo brought down by this unfair company.

Another point in the present situation is the bringing of cargo into San Francisco, from the Santa Cruz Packing Plant in Oakland where the warehousemen, another affiliate of the I. L. A., were locked out for joining the union. The Santa Cruz Packing Co. has constantly refused to grant collective bargaining to the warehousemen and has discriminated against the men for joining the union. Though this union has no present demands, but is merely seeking the return of their men to the job, this company refuses to deal with them.

**\* Packers Violate Agreement.**

The action of the Santa Cruz Packing plants is in violation of the national labor relations act and a complaint, in accordance with the provisions of this act, is now being filed against the company. Here again, in the case of this cargo, the waterfront employers are attempting to force longshoremen to work such cargo and act as strike-breakers; even though the working of such cargo would force the longshoremen to go through picket lines which would definitely endanger their safety.

The waterfront employers have demanded that the longshoremen work the cargo described above, and are therefore deliberately acting to force a strike on the men,

an occurrence which the men desire to avoid. By using the present situation as a pretext, it seems that the waterfront employers hope they will be able to disrupt the union and restore prestrike conditions. The I. L. A. desires to make its position clear. In accordance with the 1934 arbitration award the I. L. A. sent gangs to the docks, where the cargo involved in these disputes was located. The men, however, refused to pass through the picket lines, thrown up by the bargemen and warehousemen. Not only did the longshoremen fear the endangering of their personal safety by passing through the picket lines, but also they chose not to work on docks where the employers had placed armed guards and police, or to handle unfair cargo. The refusal to work this cargo is the prerogative of each man or gang of men, under the award, and, under the interpretation of the award, handed down by Judge Sloss, March 19. Judge Sloss said, in part:

"Each individual longshoreman has the right to refuse to work under conditions which do not suit him. This would be true even if the award did not specifically provide that the men 'shall be free to select their jobs' . . . The collective quitting of work by a gang is not in itself a refusal on the part of the I. L. A., as an organization, to respect the award."

**\* Blacklist Threatened.**

It will, therefore, be noted that not only an individual longshoreman, but a gang of longshoremen, may refuse to work cargo under conditions which do not suit them. This the waterfront employers know. Yet they have issued an ultimatum that any man or gang of men refusing to work such cargo shall thereafter be denied work on the waterfront. This deliberate blacklisting of longshoremen nullifies the award. If an employer can blacklist a man who refuses to work a particular kind of cargo, the right of the man to choose his job means nothing, even though this right is guaranteed by the award. This blacklisting by employers is a direct violation of the award, and means that the employers, and not the men, stand in the way of peace and co-operation on the waterfront.

**\* Back Pay Still Due.**

The I. L. A. has always been willing to abide by the award, and has always done so. The same cannot be said for the employers. An interpretation of the award, by Judge Sloss, made on May 6, 1935, granted certain back pay amounting in excess of a quarter of a million dollars to the longshoremen. Up to this time the employers have refused to pay this sum of money to the men. In view of this fact, much doubt is cast on the employers' statements that they have abided by the award, but the men have not.

If trouble comes to the San Francisco waterfront, it will not be of the longshoremen's making. However, they are determined to hold the gains granted them.

L. A. JOBLESS ARE VICTIMS OF "FILTER"

RELIEF OUT OF SHOES FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19.—Unemployed workers, undergoing suffering and privation, are kept off the relief rolls by "efficient handling" of the Intake Department of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration, it was revealed here yesterday by Mrs. Martha U. Tidd, LACRA social service supervisor, in a report submitted to the citizens' relief committee, the "voice" of the Chamber of Commerce in the relief administration.

"This has prevented a rise in the relief load," reported Mrs. Tidd. "The intake departments in the district offices continue to do a good job. From August 1 to September 5 they accepted 9038 of 18,779 applicants."

Many former LACRA administrative employees, who were laid off when the works program was abolished, are among the relief applicants. Mrs. Tidd revealed that 1100 of the 2100 dismissed had been on relief.

Lack of shoes and clothing has caused a serious crisis, said Mrs. Tidd, adding that "even before school started pressure groups were demanding shoes for children."

"We are out of shoes and clothing for children from 6 to 14 years of age," she reported. However, the families are given one dollar a month (1) with which to buy clothing and are permitted to earn outside money, with which they can also buy clothes.

"We will probably have to continue to buy shoes in real emergencies, where the children would be out of school if they didn't have them."

Unemployed workers are urged to protect their interests against such discrimination as evidenced by Mrs. Tidd's report, by organizing under the banner of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, 317 Douglas Building, Los Angeles.

STUDENTS IN ANTI R.O.T.C. FIGHT AT UCLA

"DAILY BRUN" PRINTS ANTI-WAR EDITORIAL

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—While Col. John S. Upham, chairman of the military department, was haranguing 1200 uniformed R.O.T.C. students, defending the system and calling for "preparedness", thousands of leaflets attacking the R.O.T.C. as preparation for imperialism were distributed over the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles by the National Students League here yesterday.

The R.O.T.C. was also denounced in an editorial in the Daily Bruin, university newspaper, as an organ of propaganda for militarism. The editorial was signed by Gilbert Harrison, editor, and was accompanied by a cartoon depicting the R.O.T.C. as a mouth for militarism.

The leaflets issued by the National Students League called for world peace and demanded that compulsory military training be abandoned.

Proclaiming that this leaflet distribution was in defiance of a university rule, Provost Ernest Carroll Moore ordered the campus police to be on the alert to seize students distributing leaflets, and promised expulsion to all caught.

Students are called to an anti-R.O.T.C. meeting at 3 p.m., Monday, at 1948 Midvale, West Los Angeles.

New Order Gives Army Control of Los Angeles WPA

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23.—Further clarifying the militaristic policies of President Roosevelt, Col. Donald L. Connolly, chief Chicago district engineer for the U.S. army, took over the high command of the Works Progress Administration here today, and indicated that five other army engineers will be brought here from Chicago to take over key positions in the program.

Ex-administrator Ralph L. Dalton, ousted last night from the Los Angeles WPA post, prepared today to leave for Washington to rejoin the staff of Harry L. Hopkins, national FERA head.

Colonel Connolly indicated he will shift many department heads and institute whatever is necessary to get some 70,000 off the dole and into "security wage" jobs.

"The sole purpose of this program is to put every able-bodied needy person on a regular wage-paying job," he said today. "I intend to do it."

Appointment of Colonel Connolly brought quick and unfavorable comments from members of the Public Works and Unemployed Union, who recalled when the German government started putting army men in charge of relief just before Hitler came to power. It was also remembered that Connolly ran the CWA here, and incited the universal ire of the unemployed workers.

DELEGATES TO LABOR TICKET MEETING THUNDER SUPPORT OF UNITED FRONT PLATFORM

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ed mayor, he said, he will kick out the politicians and "democratize the City Hall." In order to inform the people of city affairs he said he would speak to them on the radio at least twice a month.

"Under my administration," Mason said, "the police will not play the odious part of pimps of capital."

**\* Disaster Plan' Flayed.**

Evan Wattles, Carpenters' Union No. 22, A. F. of L., and supervisor candidate, declared the "act of God" references in the so-called "Disaster Plan" were a cloak of hypocrisy to hide a plan "to tear down the democratic institutions of the city." He said the United Labor candidates, if elected, would sponsor a "Committee of 100,000" to restore democracy to the people of San Francisco.

Anita Whitney, speaking on the "Menace of Vigilantism," smilingly pointed out that in the eyes of the Hearst followers at least she probably represented "the Red-scare" at the Convention.

"Our candidates and platform," she declared, "are the workers' answer to the reactionaries, big business and other anti-labor powers." She concluded with a call for unity on the political field in November.

Ross, Hearst, the National Guard and the police were roundly booed whenever they were mentioned. Dr. Robert Whitaker of Los Gatos declared that "William Randolph Hearst would count for nothing if labor in the United States represented a united front today. He said further that "only the rank and file of labor can save the world today."

More than \$2815 were collected in pledges and donations. Outstanding were pledges of donations of \$1000 from the San Francisco Longshore Union, \$250 from the Communist Party and scores of smaller donations from other trade unions and fraternal organizations.

**\* Mooney's Endorsement.**

Tom Mooney, now in the San Francisco jail, and fighting for his freedom from San Quentin,

sent a telegram of greetings in which he declared that "the time is rotten ripe for a political housecleaning," and that "a victory for the United Labor ticket will mark a step forward in the fight for my freedom and vindication."

Harry Bridges, who received one of the strongest ovations of the day, declared that the waterfront employers are attempting to force the longshoremen to act as strikebreakers. In stressing the necessity for united action on the part of all labor Bridges said:

"The longshoremen and seamen have learned their lesson by bitter experience. The waterfront workers realize the necessity for political action." He pointed out that "the workers can do everything and without them nothing exists."

**\* Fakers' Platforms Empty.**

Lawrence Ross, speaking for the United Labor Campaign Committee told the meaning of the United Labor Ticket. He analyzed the campaign promises of other candidates including Rossi, Uhl, and McSheehy, and exposed the hypocrisy behind the phrases which these gentlemen dedicate to organized labor and the unemployed.

Tanna Alex spoke on the graft and corruption rampant in the local relief set-up and showed how the workers alone are capable of handling relief in a manner calculated to give the unemployed at least a standard of living not synonymous with actual starvation.

**\* Resolutions.**

Resolutions were passed calling for the freedom of Tom Mooney, for the establishment here of a bi-weekly Labor Paper which will tell the truth about working class problems and about the United Labor Ticket.

A resolution introduced by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific called for support of Ethiopia against the attack of Mussolini and for a boycott of all munitions and armaments destined to be used against the African republic.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF C. P. GREET'S DAILY "NOVY MIR"

Language Paper for Russian Workers Will Aid Fight Against War-Fascism

Russian workers in the U. S. will soon celebrate the first appearance of this paper, the daily "Novy Mir". The appearance of the daily "Novy Mir" will be an important event in the lives and struggles of the Russian workers. Through the aid of their militant organ built with their hard-earned proletarian money, the Russian workers will rally ever closer to the American revolutionary labor movement, will join in a powerful united front against fascism and imperialist war—the new blood bath that is being prepared by the bankers and manufacturers.

With the aid of their newspaper, the Russian workers will considerably strengthen their struggle for the defense of the U.S.S.R. by exposing the slanderous lies spread against their great proletarian fatherland the U.S.S.R. by the white guards, by the reactionary clergy and by the white guard press: "Russia", "Novoy Russkoe Slovo", the fascist "Rassvet", etc.

The daily "Novy Mir" will not only gather and unite all anti-fascists, but will work with them, with all friends of the U. S. S. R. with all those who defend honestly the cause of peace. The "Novy Mir" will also help the Russian workers to join the ranks of the American union men and the ranks of the Communist Party.

The Daily "Novy Mir" will tirelessly build the Communist Party, which is the tested leader of the working masses in their struggles for their everyday needs and in the struggle for a Soviet America.

By its daily agitation and propaganda the "Novy Mir" will raise the cultural level and enrich the lives of the Russian workers.

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## EAST OF THE Rockies

### Airplane Strike Student Unity Labor Party in Terre Haute Injunction in Meat Strike

HARTFORD, Conn.—The 1,800 aircraft workers of the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co., and the Hamilton Standard Propeller Co., who struck against the firing of five union men, are still out, following attempts to break the strike by ordering a secret ballot. The workers voted 537 to 135, against returning to work.

Several more strikes in Connecticut were reported. At two Putnam textile works 300 struck against wage cuts. Several hundred workers of the Independent Cloak Co. of New Britain struck demanding the restoration of wage cuts. Strikers at the M. Salzberg and Sons Silk Co. of Putnam voted to continue their strike until wage cuts of \$1 to \$1 a week were restored.

NEW YORK—Unity of student groups throughout the country took a big step forward when the national committees of the Student League for Industrial Democracy and the National Student League approved plans to merge the two organizations. Such action will be recommended to the respective conventions of both bodies at Christmas time.

The new organization, to be called the American Student League, would fight against war and fascism, the ROTC, restraints on academic freedom, and the inadequate program of the National Youth Administration.

Norman Thomas, leader of the Socialist Party, and an executive director of the League for Industrial Democracy, hailed the proposed merger as "making for a generally better situation."

TERRE HAUTE—Organization of a Labor Party is seen by workers as the only means of combating the martial law which has ruled this city for several months, in an effort to break the strike at the Columbia Stamping Mill. Local Unions are taking steps to organize such a Labor Party.

A motion made in the Central Labor Union to accept a contribution to the strike fund from the Communist Party was passed unanimously, in spite of objections of T. N. Taylor, state A. F. of L. official. Strikers also decided to resume mass picketing at the plant Monday, to keep out scabs.

DETROIT—Women meat strikers are determined to disregard an injunction handed down by Judge Toms to a large number of meat market owners here which prohibits a boycott. Even the distribution of a leaflet calling for a boycott is prohibited.

Mary Zuck, boycott leader, sent a telegram to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace demanding that the inquiry as to profiteering by ten large packers be broadened to include the time since 1933. She pointed out that since the meat prices have gone up 54.9 per cent.

SALEM, Mass.—Police hurled tear gas bombs into a crowd of 100 strikers, mostly women, when they tried to prevent a truck from entering the Pequot Mills. More than 2,000 are on strike for a 25 per cent increase in wages, union recognition, and no speedup. The workers are members of the Independent Sheet Metal Workers' Union, who broke away from the United Textile Workers after being betrayed by its officials.

### EMPLOYERS AID DISRUPTION OF SCALERS MEET

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strike for many weeks, following a lock-out declared by contractors. When roll was called at the Saturday meeting it was discovered that but twenty-seven of the petition signers were present.

\* **Came Armed.**  
Three disrupters who came to the meeting armed with various weapons, were not arrested, the scalers point out. They also say that contractors, notably D'Aquisto, have visited many members of the union, telling them to be ready to "start work at any moment." Meanwhile scaler gangs have for several weeks been working at three piers, hired directly by ship-owners and not through contractors.

Three reactionaries were bailed out by "persons unknown" and it is this trio that is swearing out the new complaints against the remaining workers. All were out today on bail set at \$250 cash or \$500 property bond.

Scalers are planning a huge benefit dance for Oct. 12 to raise funds for carrying the strike to a successful conclusion.

## WORKERS TRIED IN BEET REGION ARE ACQUITTED

### IMPENDING BEET STRIKE CAUSE OF TERRORISM BY OXNARD POLICE

OXNARD, Calif., Sept. 21.—Another victory for the International Labor Defense leading mass pressure of the workers, was scored here yesterday when Pauline Lemos, her father and another worker were acquitted of a charge of "disturbing the peace." The court room was packed with workers.

The Ventura County branch of the I. L. D. has recruited 25 workers since the trial began, and several months ago led in the fight which brought a grand jury indictment against Police Chief Kerriek of Oxnard for brutality against prisoners in the county jail.

Kerriek and four policemen attacked Pauline Lemos on Sept. 8, as the result of a remark she made when Kerriek was beating and kicking some Mexican Workers, and then beat and arrested her father and the other worker when they came to her defense. The girl is 20 years old and weighs approximately 95 pounds.

When the workers were bailed out at \$50 each by the I.L.D., Judge Pettis denied them a jury trial, saying:

"No, sir, no jury trials in my court—I won't have it. Why, I'm not going to call MY friends away from their business to sit on a disturbance of the peace charge. Twenty years ago I had a jury trial and it was no good—only got things all mixed up!"

Because of an impending strike of workers in the beet fields, the police have conducted active terrorism in Oxnard, particularly directed against the Mexican workers. The I.L.D. and the American Civil Liberties Union are organizing an investigating committee to examine labor conditions and terrorism in all of Ventura County.

## Calif. Jobless to Demonstrate for Union WPA Wages

### WORKERS MASS BEFORE RELIEF OFFICES SEPT. 28

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—The Calif. State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations announces that the jobless of San Francisco will demonstrate before the relief headquarters at 49 Fourth street on Sept. 28.

Demands for immediate starting of W.P.A. projects in San Francisco, and for trade union rates and adequate monthly wages will be presented to the W.P.A. administrators here on September 28, national day of demonstration against the scab wage on W.P.A. The State Federation of jobless announces that on the same day demonstrations will be held in San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Oakland, and the P.W.U.C. locals are already preparing their mobilization.

The San Bernardino Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations has called for a demonstration at Meadowbrook Park, at 12:30 p. m. to demand that WPA hourly wages be 60 cents for unskilled, 80 cents for semi-skilled and \$1.10 for skilled workers, and to demand 40 cents an hour for agricultural work for those being forced off relief into the fields.

Speakers at this meet will include Clair Lee Purdy and Harold Ashe of the Los Angeles Public Works and Unemployed Union, Epic Assemblyman Paul A. Richie, and others.

\* **For Slum Clearance.**  
San Francisco workers will press for a slum clearance survey project to be started immediately, to survey the delapidated housing conditions in working class neighborhoods of the city. And that this project undertake to raze such districts and build modern houses for the workers at reasonable rents. The survey should also include projects for playgrounds and recreation centers.

The Sept. 28th demonstration will demand that every worker who needs and wants a job be given immediate work on W.P.A. and that monthly wages for single, unskilled workers be \$55 minimum and for skilled men \$85, with \$3 for each dependent for workers with families—and that hourly rates be at union scales.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

## Canadian Labor Urges Boycott Of Nazi Goods

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 19.—A strict boycott of all German goods entering Canada and withdrawal of all Canadian athletes from the 1936 Olympic Games were the substance of resolutions adopted unanimously by delegates attending the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress this week. Organized labor in Canada, particularly on the West Coast, is constantly made the subject of fascist and terroristic attacks by the employers.

In the past several individual trade unions in Canada have protested the brutal Hitler regime in Germany.

## Prosecutor of IWW Is Given Roosevelt Job

### WAS EPIC CANDIDATE IN LAST ELECTION; KNOWN AS REACTIONARY

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—The union-smashing tactic of the Roosevelt Administration was revealed in all its vicious character here today when word came from Washington, D. C., that George E. Acet, Los Angeles attorney and Epic "leader," had been appointed as a member of the five-man commission created under the Guffey Coal Bill to supervise "administration" of the bituminous coal industry code.

Acet was endorsed by the End Poverty League as a candidate for a State Supreme Court post, but ran a poor last in the November elections due to militant resentment of the rank and file Epic workers to a speech made by Acet in the Rosewood Methodist Church, Los Angeles, a year ago. Even the support of Upton Sinclair, then idolized by the Epic followers, could not rally votes for him.

"They call us Communists," Acet said in this speech, "and I'm the guy that sent more I. W. W.'s to prison than any other prosecuting attorney in the State of Washington!"

Rev. Gross Alexander of the Rosewood Church and Rev. A. A. Heist, Methodist pastor, immediately demanded that the End Poverty League withdraw its endorsement of Acet for the Supreme Court post.

"We can't rock the boat now," was Upton Sinclair's reply to this demand. "It might interfere with my election!"

In the November elections, Leo Gallagher, famed working class attorney, polled far ahead of the votes polled by Acet.

Acet was formerly a prosecuting attorney in Aberdeen, Wash., where he "sent more I. W. W.'s to prison than any other prosecuting attorney."

## The Sacramento C.S. Case

To be published soon: A complete pamphlet on the notorious Criminal Syndicalism frame-up.

## QUOTAS FOR PARTY RECRUITING DRIVE ANNOUNCED BY SECTIONS

### Campaign Started to Recruit Six Hundred New Communist Party Members By Nov. 7

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—The District Org. Dept. of the Communist Party advises that all quotas for recruiting drive must be reported by Sept. 27. So far, the following sections have not yet set quotas: Merced, Arizona, Nevada, Tulare, San Diego, Monterey, Eureka, Stockton and Porterville.

A full list of quotas will be published in the Oct. 3 edition of the Western Worker.

In the quotas received to date, only five Sections have included recruiting to the Young Communist League. Although it should not be counted as part of the regular Party quota, all sections are urged to set Y.C.L. recruiting quotas as a part of the drive.

The Dist. Org. Dept. urges units to follow out the suggestion recently contained in the Party Life column; to invite contacts to an open unit meeting with a leading comrade present to discuss the role and objectives of the Party.

Units and sections should send in short articles giving helpful suggestions for recruiting which have proven successful by experience. These will be printed in the Party Life column of the Western Worker.

Revolutionary competition should be organized between units, sections, etc., to live the campaign.

Quotas Announced to Date:

SAN BERNARDINO—Total of twenty new members; 4 A. F. of L. members, 8 Spanish workers, 3 Negro workers, 5 shop workers. Also ten new Y.C.L. members.

SAN JOSE—Total 5. Two A. F. of L., 2 Italian and one miscellaneous.

SAN MATEO—Total 15. Five A. F. of L., 3 Spanish, 2 Negro, 5 miscellaneous.

BAKERSFIELD—Total 13. (Also 3 Y. C. L.), 1 A. F. of L., 4 Negroes, 3 shop, 5 miscellaneous.

SANTA BARBARA—Total 18. Two women, 5 A. F. of L., 3 Spanish, 3 Negroes, 1 unemployed, 2 agricultural, 1 Filipino, and 1 miscellaneous.

LOS ANGELES—Total 219. Twenty-five women, 45 A. F. of L., 20 Spanish, 16 Negroes, 36 shop, 68 unemployed, 7 agricultural. (Also 31 Y.C.L.)

SONOMA—Total 15. One A. F. of L., 2 shop, 5 unemployed, 7 farmers.

FRESNO—Total 10. Four A. F. of L., 3 Negroes, 3 unemployed, 4 shop, 2 agricultural, 1 Filipino, and 1 Y. C. L.)

SACRAMENTO—Total 20. Four A. F. of L., 2 Negroes, 2 shop, 12 miscellaneous. (Also 4 Y. C. L.)

CONTRA COSTA—Total 25. Ten A. F. of L., 3 shop, 3 agricultural, 9 miscellaneous.

EAST BAY—Total 118. Twenty-eight A. F. of L., 8 Spanish, 14 Negro, 10 shop, 5 unemployed, 53 miscellaneous. (Also 12 Y.C.L.)

SAN FRANCISCO—Total 164. Twenty-eight women, 70 A. F. of L., 3 Spanish, 7 Negro, 29 shop, 13 unemployed, 14 miscellaneous. (Also 18 Y.C.L.)

District Org. Dept.

## Oakland Cop Arrests Seller of Epic News, Masses

OAKLAND, Sept. 23.—While selling copies of "Epic News" and "New Masses" Albert C. Hansen was arrested here yesterday and framed on a charge of selling papers on the street without a license. He was taken to the city jail and bail set at \$50.

Hansen was on the curb in front of the Madison street Masonic Temple when someone inside called the police. A radio patrol car picked him up, and when the cop saw he had the "Epic News" and "New Masses" asked him, "What are you doing with these radical papers?"

Hansen replied, "They are all published openly and come through the mails."

"Well, they won't be that very long," retorted the cop, "because we won't stand for it."

Hansen is secretary of the Philosophers' Club and that organization bailed him out. He has turned the case over to the International Labor Defense and pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial in Judge Tyrrell's court this morning.

## Sinclair Gets Challenge to Debate Oct. 9

### EPIC UNITED FRONT COM. INVITES RICHIE AND STEINMETZ

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Bringing the vital need of the United Front before the Epic workers in Southern California, the Epic Committee for the United Front has issued a challenge to Upton Sinclair, L. Raymond Holmes and Kate Richards O'Hare, of the End Poverty League, to debate the question at a mass meeting on Oct. 9 at the Cooperative Auditorium, 848 So. Main street, Los Angeles.

Harry C. Steinmetz, Epic candidate for mayor in San Diego and now president of the Federated Trades Council of San Diego, has been invited by the Epic Committee for the United Front to keynote the position for the United Front at this mass meeting.

Assemblyman Paul A. Richie, Epic of San Diego, has also been invited to speak at the symposium.

In the event that none of the End Poverty League representatives accepts the challenge, a "debate by proxy" will be held, Sinclair's vicious attack on the United Front in his Epic News will be read as one side of the debate, and the committee's representative will then answer Sinclair's "arguments."

For the purpose of raising funds to advertise this mass meeting, the Epic Committee for the United Front is having a benefit "United Front Jamboree" on Saturday night, Sept. 28, at the Hungarian Workers Home, 4201 So. Main street. All Epic workers are invited to attend, this party.

## L. A. ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION

### "Freedom of Street" Is Slogan for Nov 11 Meet

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22.—Broadening its scope among the workers of Southern California, the American League Against War and Fascism is launching a big drive toward a mass demonstration against war on November 11, 17th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of the last world war.

A broad executive committee has been established, including representatives of trade unions, Utopian Society, Epic groups, Communist Party, churches, professional groups, and national minorities such as the Mexican, Japanese and Negro workers.

Eugene J. Reed, former leader of the Utopian Society East, has become executive secretary for Southern California, as announced by Bert Leech, District Organizer for the West Coast.

A big campaign in all areas is being directed toward a petition to parade through the streets of Los Angeles, which will be presented to the City Council. To gain this, Leech pointed out, will necessitate the mobilization of active anti-war organizations around the slogan of "Freedom of the Streets."

On November 11th the American League Against War and Fascism will raise the following slogans: "United Against Fascism for Peace," "United We Live—Divided We Die," Fascism Means War!"

The League is also laying the basis for the national convention to be held January 4, 5, and 6 at Cleveland, Ohio, and is preparing by district conferences to be held in San Diego, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Sacramento, Salinas, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle.

## L. A. Furniture Strikers Beaten By Hired Thugs

### MOST PLANTS SETTLED WITH STRIKERS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20.—Attacked by "scabs" in front of the Morris Furniture Manufacturing Company, 4433 South Alameda Street, five members of the Furniture Workers Union received hospital treatment here yesterday.

In the brief but bloody attack, the following were injured and given treatment at Georgia Street Receiving Hospital:

Frank Lopez, 24, of 9290 Beach Street, cut eye; George Hennen, 40, of 1459 East 75th Street, possible jaw fracture; Walter Johnson, 50, of 2638 East 52nd Street, bruises; Nelson Martin, 49, of 732 West Bruce Street, Compton, bruises, and Dell Lamson, 57, 4721 1-2 South Broadway, bruises and neck injury. At least six others suffered cuts and bruises.

"The scabs at the Morris plant, about 50 to 75 of them, attacked twenty pickets," said John Murray, organizer for Furniture Workers' local No. 1561. "They carried monkey wrenches and screw drivers."

Workers at the plant have been on strike since April 29th last, approximately 40 of which are left on the picket line, the union having given work to the others in plants which have signed agreements.

Further demands of the union will probably be presented to a number of factories after October 1st, when the temporary agreements of the union with the employers expire.

## WORKERS' ENEMIES EXPOSED

All workers and workers' organizations are warned to be on their guard against an agent of the Department of Justice from San Francisco, named Donald Campbell. This rat informer worked through the office of the chief of police of San Francisco during the Summer of 1934. His duties were to investigate Communist activities on the waterfront and to spy on organization among the SERA workers.

Being too well known to the workers of the S. F. he has recently left for Los Angeles where he may try to gain the confidence of relief workers and their organizations. Los Angeles workers are especially warned to watch out for him.

Description: Age 37; married; 5' 9"; weight between 170 and 185; stands fairly erect; flabby; plump; dark hair; slightly bald; speaks with affected English accent.

Is sometimes employed as a social worker as a blind.

DDC District No. 13

Drive the reactionaries out of the unions. Elect rank-and-file representatives. Fight for trade union democracy.

## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### College Students In Soviet Union Nazi "Culture" Labor Party Split "Divine" Emperor

SOVIET UNION—A group of ten American College students, travelling in the Soviet Union from Moscow to Erivan, on the Turkish border, issued a statement on their impressions of what they saw.

"What impressed us most was the fact that the entire country, not just the parts best known to tourists, is going forward at a tremendous pace," the statement read.

"Our group as a whole was more interested in Erivan (Armenia) than in any other place we visited," said Richard Lauterbach, leader of the group. "The amount of new buildings already completed or under construction there is amazing."

GERMANY—Nazi papers are boasting about the cultural decline of Germany as being a tribute to Hitler's leadership. They regard the fall in the number university students as a step away from intellectualism, and back to the Middle Ages, which they desire to emulate.

The number of university students in the summer of 1933 equalled 116,000, fell to 89,000 in the winter of 1934-35, and to 77,000 in the summer of 1935. Only 7,000 new students enrolled this summer, compared with 14,000 in 1933.

SWITZERLAND—Dr. Eduard Benes, recently elected president of the League of Nations Assembly, has received a telegram from Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York, protesting against the cruel persecution of German Jews.

The telegram stated, "By outlawing German Jews, by carrying on anti-Jewish propaganda, and by spreading racial theories which imply a negation of the very principle of equality of rights for all peoples and races, the policy of the Third Reich destroys the basis of modern civilization and the League of Nations, as the embodiment of the hopes and ideals pursued by the noblest minds of all lands."

ENGLAND—A split in the British Labor Party looms following the resignations of Lord Arthur Ponsonby from his leadership of the Labor Party in the House of Lords, and Sir Stafford Cripps from the Labor Party's executive committee. The resigning members objected to the use of sanctions by the League of Nations to prevent Italy's seizure of Ethiopia. They took the attitude that England should take a completely pacifist position to "prevent any danger of a general war."

The British Trades Union Congress nevertheless supported by a vote of 2,962,000 to 177,000 a resolution demanding that the British government uphold the covenant of the League of Nations against Italy's attack upon a "fellow member of the League."

JAPAN—Persecution by Japanese reactionaries and militarists forced the resignation of Tatsuchi Minobe, Japanese scholar and lawyer, from his seat in the House of Peers. Minobe was threatened with prosecution for violating the publication law and printing a book on constitutional law which questioned the "divinity" of the Japanese emperor.

## Epics In Support Of Roosevelt Move

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Showing its complete desertion of the interests of the working class in favor of political skulduggery, the End Poverty League board of directors has issued a petition to all Epic clubs calling on President Roosevelt and the Democratic National Committee to deliver all patronage in California to the hands of "Epic" State Senator Culbert L. Olson.

The Epic workers are therefore asked to help penny-ante politicians in their search for political jobs, resolving the End Poverty League completely into a political machine for the purpose of electing Roosevelt in 1936.

## WAR CRISIS IS SHARPENED BY ITALY'S REFUSAL

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that anti-war propaganda had penetrated into schools, churches, and clubs, and is "jeopardizing national security."

Other leading figures have protested to Secretary of State Hull for his "unwarranted interference with the rights of American citizens" by ordering the cancellation of the Ethiopian concession.

Where investments go, there follows the flag—and battleships and cannon fodder.

## Tobin Betrays The Teamsters Union

### Convention Opens As Legionnaire Gives Key Note Talk

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 23.—"Daniel J. Tobin rules with an iron hand," wrote one capitalist newspaper correspondent covering the 13th Convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers which ended here last week.

And the \$20,000 a year president of the International did just that. The convention was a classical example of American Federation of Labor reaction and bureaucracy in action. Paunchy delegates wearing flashing diamond rings and smoking expensive cigars, the cream of the Tobin machine, re-elected all present International officers for another five-year term. Opposition was not even allowed a voice.

Two amendments to the International constitution were introduced, both by Tobin, and were adopted. One seeks to bar Communists from membership in local unions and states that proof of membership in the Communist Party is not necessary for expulsion purposes. The second amendment threatens withdrawal of the charter from any local which "knowingly admits to its meetings

a speaker from the Communist Party or any part thereof."

\* **Legionnaire Leads Off**

The convention opened with George L. Koehn, Oregon state commander of the American Legion, striking the key-note in a hysterical and vitriolic attack on Communism. President Tobin spoke the following day and also attacked the Communist Party. He declared Portland was the original hot bed of Communism. His outburst was occasioned by the arrest of two men for allegedly throwing a beer bottle through the window of a large Portland department store where union teamsters are on strike.

Later it developed that those arrested were delegates to the convention and two of Tobin's own supporters from Cleveland.

Final sessions of the Convention were devoted to an attack upon the maritime unions of the Pacific Coast, with Michael Casey and O'Connell of San Francisco leading the attack. Casey described the difficulties he had had in attempting to keep San Francisco teamsters at work hauling scab cargo from the San Francisco docks and from going out in sympathy with the longshoremen and seamen under the General Strike call.

\* **Attack Marine Unions**  
O'Connell confined his hysteria to an attack upon Harry Bridges,

recently reelected president of the San Francisco Longshoremen by an overwhelming majority vote.

"If some of these gentlemen in San Francisco 'had their way,' he screamed, "they'd make it so that a good American couldn't work in the city." Charging that Bridges is attempting to "capture" the teamsters' organizations in the Bay District O'Connell shouted, "An American institution being led by a foreigner... that's what's obtaining in the maritime unions."

Switching the discussion to the Vancouver B. C. dock strike O'Connell's "patriotism" took another angle when he exclaimed, "The gentlemen who are conducting the strike in Vancouver scabbed on the A. F. of L. in 1928. They're a bunch of Communists!" He concluded with the remark, "I'll never play piccolo in a band led by a foreigner."

\* **Opposition Present**

But opposition to the Tobin machine was present and demonstrated its strength in defeating, by a vote of 175 to 142, a resolution calling for an assessment of 10 cents per month per member, 5 cents of which was to go directly into a fund to fight the Brewery Workers of America. Dave Beck of Seattle, a Tobin cog, made a strong plea for the assessment and voiced strong charges against the brewery workers.

## Dread of Membership Control Leads to Red-Baiting

Another resolution introduced and defeated presented a novel way of organizing the unemployed. It called for such organizational activity and proposed to put it into effect by increasing the number of vice presidents by four.

\* **Fear Rank and File**  
The general impression created by the antics of the Tobin machine was that the well-fed reactionary officers live in mortal fear of the growing militancy of the rank and file teamsters. The many and vicious attacks upon Communists and the Communist Party were dictated by this fear. The bureaucrats have been placed on the offensive by the ripening of the capitalist crisis and the resultant demand of the rank and file for something besides eulogies of Roosevelt, of which there were many, and increased salaries for International presidents.

O'Connell and Casey of San Francisco have been subjected to this rank and file pressure. Beck of Seattle has felt it and even Tobin, in all his splendor, is shaky as the cracks in his well oiled machine becomes apparent.

The rank and file has a hard fight ahead to get these labor faker parasites off their backs.



## Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler (L. A.)

Ralph Dalton, sent to California by the Roosevelt machine to head the LAWPA, and instructed to be a big bad Democratic wolf, turned out to be just a little pig who built his house of sticks and Ham Cotton Democrats. With a huff and puff the Republican wolves and the Epic wolves not only blew his house in, but blew Dalton 3,000 miles back to Washington to suck a smaller but more protected new deal teat . . .

Lt. Col. Donald "loud mouth" Connolly who wet nursed the CWA, has been called in along with six other army officers, to warm the top WPA chair left vacant by departing Daddy Dalton.

Connolly declares, "We will have no truck with politicians and I won't stand for our organization being used to further the interests of any political organization." Connolly however is only talking for publication it being common knowledge among political hangers-on that a deal has already been arranged whereby State Senator Culbert L. Olson's office will dispense most of the patronage.

Army officers who distinguished themselves . . . by the distance they stayed back of the firing lines in action, are now bravely going over the top of a desk, as Commander in Chief Roosevelt gives the signal for them to attack . . . the living standards of the American workers and mop-up on the Relief lines . . . Heil Roosevelt . . .

The County Welfare, acting under orders of the County Supervisors is removing 1200 cases from the County Relief Lists, on the grounds that the year non-residents. Cases like the following:

A. K. in San Gabriel, 5 in the family, father epileptic, baby 2 weeks old. Has lived in California since 1923. Classified as Tec-non-res.

Mrs. F. Mc., in Wilmar, mother and four children, 5 years in Calif. Cut off because she has a husband somewhere in the East and the husband's address is the wife's address . . . the law says so according to Rex Thomson.

J. G. Monterey Park, 5 in family, father has tuberculosis, one lung practically gone, 6 years in State . . . Non-res.

Mrs. C. D. Bunker Hill, 73 years old, 55 years in California, 11 years in this state . . . but is not a resident.

In the name of . . . economy for the taxpayers, helpless invalids, infants and aged are being cutoff relief and left to starve by the same Supervisors who voted 195,000.00 of the taxpayers money to the Chamber of Commerce to advertise the glories of Southern California. Also \$5,000.00 to buy flags and bunting to decorate the streets in hopes of attracting an American Legion Convention.

Suggested illustration for the front cover of a folder to be printed by the All-year Club; "a starving tubercular whom the county cannot afford to care for" coughing up germ-rotted pieces of his lungs, spitting them into the gutter, as he stands on the curb leaning against the staff of one of the nice flags . . . purchased by the County.

Mrs. Martina U. Tidd, LACRA social service supervisor reports that, "the intake departments in the district offices continue to do a good job and refuse aid to more than half of those who apply."

Mrs. Tidd reports "From Aug. 1st to Sept. 5th they accepted only 9038 of 18,579 who applied for aid."

Edith D. was turned down by the relief, she finally landed a job in a cafe on Broadway. In addition to her work out front she is forced to spend at least an hour a day with the boss in the back room.

Helen R. is 26, she and her two children could not get on relief. I met her two days ago on South Hill street. She invited me to go to bed with her . . . for \$200.

Henry M. was refused aid. He cashed a phoney check for ten dollars. He is now receiving direct aid from the state . . . in San Quentin Prison.

Drack L. tried desperately for weeks to get some kind of relief, but was refused. Now he is getting along swell "playing the fruits in Hollywood."

Mrs. Martha U. Tidd "you are doing a good job" . . . society owes you . . . congratulations.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

# News Stories and Comment by Worker Correspondents

## SERA MEN WORK WITHOUT WAGES

140 SCABBING ON SAN DIEGO HARBOR

### "Patriotism" Gag IS PRECEDENT FOR CUT IN RELIEF BUDGETS

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO—This notorious open-shop town has been making every effort lately, through the newspapers and radio, to encourage people on direct relief to work for nothing for the city. The jobs are all necessary ones that would otherwise employ wage-earners or union men. So far, 140 have fallen for this "patriotic" gag and are doing work around the harbor without a cent of pay, except the pittance of direct relief which they would be getting anyway.

Strong efforts are being made by the Unemployed Workers Protective Union of San Diego to inform these men of the crime against organized labor they are committing, that they are scabbing on union labor which would be doing the work if these SERA men were not contributing their time.

#### \* Cops Hang Around

Attempts of unemployed union members so far have not been successful, due to the vigilance of "tough-mug" bosses and police. The latter hang around these slave jobs "just in case."

The Unemployed Union members made an effort to discover just what mental quirk was behind each individual case. About two-thirds of the 140 men are born union haters, foot-kissers, and ignoramuses. They are doing this work for nothing to work into the good feelings of the boss, or administration, hoping to get a boss's job for themselves when the WPA opens up. The other third is composed mostly of young fellows who live near, or are friends of, a boss, and that boss has soft-soaped them into working for him for nothing, knowing that if he has a crew, his wage from the city will continue.

#### \* Cheat Union Men

In this manner the youth are hoodwinked and tricked, made to work like slaves, and cheating union men out of bread and butter for the wife and kids. Our duty is to tell them what they are doing.

The Unemployed Workers Protective Union of San Diego has gone on record against these "slave jobs" for the following reasons:

- 1) They are undermining the wage scale by working for nothing.
- 2) If the government can get the men to work for 85 per cent. of their budget, it will never return the pay cut.
- 3) It encourages a "slave psychology" and a "faithful dog" attitude that will bring back the middle ages unless halted.
- 4) The government is forcing us to live on a "bare existence subsistence," or "conic wage," and we must fight for adequate relief.
- 5) It is a blow to union labor to volunteer work on necessary jobs, and the workers are becoming not volunteers but slaves.

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## ANTI-NAZI MOVE GAINS STRENGTH IN LOS ANGELES

JEWISH LEAGUE DOUBLES ITS NUMBERS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23—The Jewish Anti-Nazi League of Southern California has doubled the number of organizations in it since its birth, 6 weeks ago. At its second meeting in the Folk School on Sept. 17th there were 85 organizations represented, compared to 44 at the first session. There were 44 delegates from 20 youth organizations at the Sept. 17th meeting, compared to only one youth organization at the first.

The youth groups, called the Anti-Nazi Youth Council, met separately, but will work jointly with the adult organization. Youth clubs, churches, synagogues, social and political clubs are thus united in a campaign to strengthen the boycott of German made goods, to boycott the Berlin Olympics and Heasts.

Committees are canvassing stores of this city for the goods boycott, and 2,500 petitions will be circulated asking the state legislature to give legal and formal voice to the disapproval of the State of California of Hitler's terror reign.

A united front mass meeting under the auspices of the League two weeks ago rallied 3,500 at the Philharmonic auditorium. With the \$200 cleared above expenses the League is continuing its activities.

## Sacramento "Bee" Gets Hysterical

ANTI-LABOR PUBLICITY IS MOTIVE OF STORY

SACRAMENTO—In the Sacramento Bee, September 17, an item appeared headed "Radicals Seek Members Among Cannery Workers. Secret Recruiting Drive by Communist Order is Revealed Here."

In part it says: "Huffine Heads Move. A secret investigation conducted into the affairs of the radical union discloses that William H. Huffine, one of the seven defendants in Sacramento's Red trial, is leading the movement to increase the organization's membership here. Huffine was acquitted of a charge of violating the Criminal Syndicalism Act following the four months trial which attracted nation-wide attention."

The article rambles on: "Huffine in a report—Huffine also revealed—Huffine stated" and so on. This writer, an old friend of William H. Huffine, asked him if the statements attributed to him were true. The veteran of the Class Struggle denied it, saying, "I'm too busy selling working class literature; I've no time for organization work." (Bill is in charge of the Sacramento Workers' Bookshop.)

The source of the secret information is somewhat vague. From what I can gather, a Sacramento "Bee" legman roaming around in search of copy, tuned in on a conversation between union men relative to organization work in the Hawaiian Islands, and rushed back to the city editor with astounding revelations. An imaginative rewrite man grabbed it and dressed up a story for publication.

## PWU Will Hold Picnic in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20—Unemployed workers in the Public Works and Unemployed Union will rally at their annual picnic on Sunday, September 29th, at Whitingwoods, 3150 Honolulu Ave. It was announced here today. Claire Lee Purdy, militant PWU leader, will speak, as will also Epic Assemblyman John B. Pelletier. Dancing, games, and a barbecue will feature the program. Admission is 25 cents for employed workers, and 15 cents for unemployed.

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## COUNCILMAN AT LOSS IN QUIZ BY L. A. WOMEN

INVESTIGATION PRESSED FOR ON LINCOLN HEIGHTS JAIL

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES—Are conditions in the Lincoln Heights jail OK?

Councilman Frank P. Buyer wrote that they were when women of the Southeast Discussion Club passed a resolution protesting against the food and the inhuman treatment given prisoners, especially four "political" prisoners, and calling upon the councilman of their district to investigate.

But at Tuesday evening's meeting Sept. 17, Mr. Buyer was at a loss as how to answer these questions:

"Why should letters of greeting containing postal money orders be held up for 6 weeks, when their families were in need of help?"

"Why were such books as a Standard dictionary and Wells' 'Outline of History' and old copies of the 'Nation' refused them?"

"Why cannot one of the prisoners have the back support prescribed by his doctor on account of the permanent injury to his back from beatings by the police?"

These and other questions showed discrimination. As for the food, it's not rotten why should a man come out after 23 days, all covered with boils? "What is the per capita allowance for meals, Mr. Buyer?" one of the women asked.

"Why should any human being be kept away from sunlight and outdoor air and exercise for two years?" That was hard to answer. The usual reference to the city charter and to the courts failed to satisfy. Prisoners are human beings and the women want them treated as such. They even want to know why it is that the men who use lawless violence upon workers go free while workers trying to improve conditions are sentenced to long terms.

Mr. Buyer admitted that another investigation should be made and agreed that the officials be accompanied by an equal number of outsiders. Three women were elected by the club to go with the councilman.

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## Fight Fans Boo Rossi Speaker At Auditorium

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19—Two thousand enraged prize-fight fans hissed and booed their hatred of Little Fink Rossi when one of his campaign flunkies attempted to speak during intermission at the Dreamland Auditorium bouts here last Monday.

Fighters and their seconds wore sweaters painted with "Retain Rossi" and "Keep Mayor Rossi" across the backs.

Following the preliminaries the Rossi campaign speaker attempted to get the floor. The first mention of San Francisco's Labor Enemy No. 1 was sufficient to start the uproar.

The speaker tried five times to make his little speech and five times was shouted down. He never reached the microphone and finally was forced to leave the hall.

MORAL—Vote the United Labor Campaign Ticket in the November municipal elections.

## "RED BAITERS" REPUDIATED BY RUBBER UNIONS

EXPULSION MOVE VOTED DOWN UNANIMOUSLY

SEPT. 19—The Rubber Union convention meeting here, which repudiated William Green's candidate for international president, unanimously upheld the right of Communists to join trade unions and bitterly criticized the splitting tactics of the reactionary A.F.L. leadership.

Not one speaker could be found who would uphold the proposed reactionary clause in the constitution calling for expulsion of Communists and other militants. Instead, the progressives openly stated "scabs are found not among Communists but rather among Republicans and Democrats."

The convention went on record against war and fascism, by voting to boycott Nazi goods, and protesting American participation in the Berlin Olympic Games next year.

Salaries to be paid officers were limited to a maximum of \$3,200 a year. The reactionaries attempting to bring up Claherty, Green's nominee for president, used the threat that his election was necessary to insure financial support for the Rubber Union from the A. F. of L.

## Foreign-Born Face Prison If Deported

OREGON WORKERS VICTIMIZED BY IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS FOR TAKING PART IN STRUGGLE

By a Worker Correspondent

In Portland, Oregon, during the last two years, five workers were arrested and are held for deportation to fascist European countries because of their activity in worker's organizations and for their political beliefs. This action necessitated the formation of the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign-born which aims to fight against the vicious persecutions of workers.

## WORKERS' GROUP REPORTS TOUR OF NEW MEXICO

PRACTICAL RESULTS OF CLOVIS LABOR TICKET

ROSOWELL, NEW MEXICO—

The Eastern New Mexico Defense Committee spoke for the Gallup Defense at Acme, Kenna, Elida and at Portales and Clovis the week of Sept. 16. At Portales a large meeting of the unemployed councils filled the court house on Monday night and resolutions for their freedom were demanded.

At Clovis, where last year the police terror jailed our comrades, we did four days of organization work and meetings were held in the High School Auditorium, the Court House and on the street. It makes a big difference when the Workers United Front elects their ticket. Last year we were run out of town and fined for speaking on the street. The city manager said Clovis was a "democratic stronghold" and they wanted it to stay that way.

This time our speakers were welcomed to hold meetings anywhere in the town. We finally held one with all classes represented on the street, demanding that the Gallup Miners be freed. And this in a county where the Fascists in this state made their first stand in Judge Patton's district. This coming week we will head directly south through the farming sections of the state, making talks at every school house, explaining the frameup of our innocent comrades and organizing a united front against Fascism in New Mexico.

The Akron Typographical Union No. 182, at its last meeting, adopted a resolution bitterly criticizing Green for "threatening to withhold financial aid from the Rubber Union for their desire to elect their own officers by democratic action."

There is the case of Walter E. Baer. Early in 1934, officials of the local Immigration office and thugs armed with sawed off shot guns, surrounded his home. They forced an entrance, arrested him and held him for deportation to Germany. The reason was, that being unemployed himself, he fought with the rest of the unemployed for more adequate relief.

Walter E. Baer was brought to this country from Germany at the age of seven. While in his teens, he served time in prison for forgery, etc. While incarcerated he studied and became a civil engineer. Since that time he has done valuable work in the community. A few years ago he married an American-born girl and has three children. Now, twelve years after serving for his last offense, he was arrested and charged with "moral turpitude."

#### \* Hand of the Legion

A letter was written to Governor Martin of Oregon asking him to pardon Baer for this old offense, (in which case the moral turpitude charges would be dropped) and stating deportation would separate him from his family. In the answer an American Legionnaire, representing Governor Martin, said "they had no intentions of separating the family but would deport them all to Germany."

Various Baer Defense Committees have been formed which are helping in his fight against deportation. His case was appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals, which court upheld the deportation.

Many times one hears, "The foreigners want to take our jobs from us but are unwilling to become American citizens." It will be interesting to know Alma Reinis is applied for her final citizenship papers which were accepted. But when she appeared in November 1934 to make an appointment to take an examination in American History and Civil Government in order to get the papers, she was arrested and held for deportation on charges of membership in an organization which advocates the overthrow of the government by force and violence, etc.

#### \* Treated as Criminals

Without being told where she was going, she was taken to the Police Station where she was fingerprinted and photographed, charged with being "an undesirable alien" and "picked up." The Immigration Inspector said that he "hated" to put a lady in jail, so she was released on her own recognizance.

A month later her father and mother received a letter from the Immigration Office asking them to call. When they did so, they were arrested, fingerprinted, photographed and held for deportation on charges of belonging to a subversive organization! They were also released on their own recognizance.

#### \* Removed from SERA

Alma Reinis was brought to this continent when only a year old, from Latvia. In 1923 the family came to Portland, Oregon. Being a graduate of the Oregon Normal School, she has taught school. The Immigration Inspector wanted to know why Alma attended a Workers' Summer School at Woodland, Washington in 1928, and if they taught the principles of Communism there. In the summer of 1934 Alma was chosen as one of ten from Multnomah county and one of sixty in the State of Oregon to attend a Federal Summer School for unemployed girls. At this school, Communism was discussed. After her arrest the Immigration Office saw to it that she was removed from her work on one of the SERA projects.

The family has been active in various workers organizations for a number of years. Chris and Alma Reinis were members of the Communist Party but dropped out a few years ago. At present they are working in the Unemployed Council. Alma Reinis has been secretary of the Portland Branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union for two years.

#### \* Lumber Picket

We also have the case of Arturo Jimenez, who came to this country ten years ago from Spain. During the last Lumber workers' strike he was sent to Bridal Veil as a picket. He had been employed by the Weyerhaeuser Lum-

## WHERE TO GO

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### — San Francisco —

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HELP FREE THE CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM PRISONERS. DANCE, Sat., Oct. 5, Druids Hall, 44 Page st. Refreshments. Union Music. Short Play. Admission 25c. Door Prize. Audiences: Conference for Repeal of C. S. Act.

SEPTEMBER 29, 8 p. m. Sunday Night, at 779 Vallejo st. Drinking, Dancing, Dining. All evening. Admission 15c. Audiences: North Beach Communist Party.

CELEBRATION OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION—Costume Ball given by McNamara (Russian) Branch, L.L.D., Sat. Eve., Nov. 2, 121 Haight street. Valuable prizes to organizations and individuals preparing best costumes in idea and appearance, representing October Revolution. Admission 25c.

PUBLIC WORKS UNEMPLOYED UNION, Local No. 2—Hard Times Party, 1545 Steiner street, Sunday, Sept. 29, at 8:00 p. m. Games, Dancing, Refreshments. Come, bring your friends and raise the roof. Admission 15 cents.

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CARNIVAL AND PICNIC of the International Labor Defense, Sunday, October 13th, at Verdugo Woods Estates.

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p. m. Admission ten cents.

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her Company. While picketing he was arrested and held for deportation to Spain.

The native-born workers must show their solidarity by protesting against these arrests and charges of deportation. If they allow their foreign-born comrades to be sent to fascist countries where iron bars and firing squads await them, what will be the fate of those workers remaining in America?

#### \* Protest to Perkins

If the foreign-born workers are willing to help in the struggles for better conditions, many times handicapped by not knowing the language, then the American workers must help them in times when their lives are in danger.

All persons and organizations opposed to the vicious deportation laws should send in protests to R. J. Norene, Federal Bldg., Portland, Oregon and Frances Perkins, Washington, D. C. demanding that all charges against these workers be dropped immediately.

### Manual for Field Writers

## Do It Yourself and Do It Right

Simple Rules of Neatness—Make Absolutely Sure of Your Facts—Don't Wait for Somebody Else to Send in News—Publicity Material from Unions

This is the fourth of a series of articles intended to help those who wish to write for the workers' press. Clip and save them for future reference. The next article in the series was supposed to describe the way in which the Santa Rosa tar and feather incident should have been handled. However, the comrade regularly handling this series is absent on a special assignment, so that subject is being left until his return and the following substituted:

#### PREPARING YOUR COPY

If you're lucky enough to have a typewriter on which to prepare your copy, then by all means use it, following these simple rules:

- 1) Leave a good margin at the top of the first page and don't be stingy with margins anywhere.
- 2) And double space your copy. If you don't, then we have to type it again in the office. Double spacing makes it easy for the typewriter to follow, leaves room for editorial corrections between the lines and saves time and trouble generally.
- 3) If you're writing in longhand then do it as neatly as possible. Don't crowd it and don't toss in corrections and footnotes and insert just any old way. And if your handwriting resembles Aztec hen tracks don't just let it go at that and trust that we can decipher it. Take a little pains with it, printing out proper names, etc., so there's no chance of any errors.

#### AVOIDING ERRORS

Every so often the Western Worker prints a story that is wrong in some important detail. We don't do it on purpose, naturally, but our readers don't ask if the errors are accidental or not. They come in person or write, telling us where the error was and calling us down with a forcefulness that is oftentimes startling.

This is a worker's paper, designed to lead and organize their struggles with accurate stories and intelligent advice. Lies can only mislead them. So let's leave the

mistakes to the capitalist press. Make sure of your facts. When telling of something you didn't see, make inquiries. An example of what we mean is in order here.

In our issue of September 9th we reported a police raid on the home of a Negro longshoreman in Oakland, where an anti Jim Crow committee was meeting. A Berkeley worker who had not been there gave us the first account of that raid. He got all the major details of the whole incident correct. When asked how many workers were present he said there were 12, and that 5 cops composed the raiding party.

A few hours later another East Bay comrade dropped in and he was questioned for further details. He had spoken with a Negro worker who had attended the meeting, therefore you would expect his story to be pretty accurate. His informant claimed there were 30 workers present and 18 cops. That was the only discrepancy between the two accounts of the affair.

#### \* The Checkup

We immediately got hold of another Negro worker who had been present. He stated positively there were 14 workers and only 5 cops. Last experience with the worker who said there were 18 cops and 30 workers had taught us that his honesty could not be doubted but his judgment was often bad, particularly in exiting or tense situations. So we ignored his story and reported 14 workers and 5 cops at the affair.

Now the exact numbers in this story were not so extremely important. But accuracy in small details must be a habit so that we avoid errors in major things. And another important mistake to avoid is indiscriminate calling of names and mud slinging at persons whom we don't particularly like. Calling somebody a faker is a serious business. Don't do it unless you know what you are talking about. You not only have to know it, but you have to be able to prove it. Don't call a man

dirty name just because he isn't a Communist and does not believe in the Revolutionary movement. The important thing is what he does and what he says and why. Remember a union official does not have to be a member of the Communist Party to be honest and doing his best for the union according to his lights.

Don't call a muddler a faker, and don't call a faker a fascist. Train yourself to be a realistic observer of men and events.

#### DON'T "LET GEORGE DO IT"

There are four major sections in the State of California, each of which should have not less than one item in every issue of the Western Worker. They are, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and the East Bay. Of these, San Francisco always gets the best coverage, for two reasons: first, we're in San Francisco and dig up the news; second, the focal point of the struggles of union labor in this district is centered here. In addition, hardly any news at all (not even clippings of local doings from the local press) reach us from other sections.

It's up to the comrades to build a staff of Western Worker representatives in the sections outside of San Francisco. Time and again we read in the capitalist press of a furniture workers' strike in Oakland, or a bakers' struggle in L.A.—and wait eagerly for the mail from those sections. The mail comes, and there's nothing in it except benefit dances of the Whoozit Club, and a mass meet of the Whitchit League; stories that require no effort for the correspondents to get.

#### \* So Out for the News!

When we do get the stories we are looking for it is often obvious that they were gotten without first-hand information. The writer wrote what some worker came in and told him, instead of the writer going down to the picket line and up to union headquarters and getting bulletins and statements

from the actual field of the struggle.

We here pause to take our hat off to the hundreds of callous-handed workers who have sat down and painfully written to their paper the story of the strike or other activity in which they are taking part. Their style is never flowery but their facts are always what their fellow workers who read this paper want to know about that particular situation.

When a story breaks in your section, don't just figure "somebody" is going to write about it. You do the writing. Workers frequently ask us, "Why don't you have a story in this issue about so and so?" The answer is nobody wrote it in to us, and we are not mind readers.

We should have, in this issue, an accurate, detailed account of the school children's strike in Contra Costa County. There is a struggle there against the closing of a school. According to latest accounts in the capitalist press the parents are joining the fight against this "economy measure." Everybody in Contra Costa County has evidently been waiting for "George to write it up," so the Western Worker has not yet carried the story of this fight—a story that most



# PUTTING A RED ON THE STAGE

## "ODE TO LIBERTY" A CHEAP MELODRAMA

### EVEN HIS TABLE MANNERS BAD

#### THOSE STAGE COMMUNISTS

Ina Claire's very recent appearance in San Francisco in the stage play "Ode to Liberty" was accompanied by the appearance of one of those strange creatures found neither on land, in the sea, nor in the air—a stage communist. A correspondent describes the occasion as follows:

#### PAMPHLETS AND BOOKS

**PRISONERS OF THE OGPU.**—By George Kitchen, Longmans Green and Co. \$3.00.  
**RUBBER TRUNCHEON.**—By Walter Langhoff, Dutton, \$2.50.

By ELLA WINTER.

At the time when the shops in Soviet Russia are filling with goods, and the theatres, operas, books and magazines, radio and movies, are en vogue and admiration of every visitor, he pro- or anti-Communist, books are coming out in America, so-called accounts of the terrors and horrors of Soviet prison camps. This writer was in the Soviet Union in 1931 when three American senators (Horton K. Wheeler, Alvin D. Bronson Cutting) and the late Bronson Cutting wanted to inspect the "forced labor" camps. There weren't any for them to go to then.

But George Kitchen, a Finn, was in them before 1931 and his book tells the so-called story, and the interesting thing is not the horrors he relates but the delight his publishers and some reviewers have shown in his book. They swallow it hook line and sinker. Any pro-Soviet book makes them very "judicial" and "impartial" and full of doubts as to whether they can believe the author. Even the New York Times, which has so many doubts about pro-Soviet books, swallows this one whole. They do admit however, that "there is little about politics in this story"; whereas in "Rubber Trunccheon" the story of an actor kept in a Nazi concentration camp for 13 months, "the brutalities to which Langhoff was subjected, are set in an atmosphere of politics."

This is the great difference: some Soviet prison camps were doubtless bad and the guards brutal; but they were exorcismes, and were wiped out. They were not necessary to the continuance of the Soviet regime. Germany lives on and needs the terrors and hideous tortures of its prison camps; they cannot be wiped out; they can only be made worse. For dissent grows so quickly, so strongly in fascist countries; the standard of living goes down and discontent must spread. In Soviet Russia as conditions get better and the standard of living rises the population becomes yet more satisfied. As one anti-Soviet visitor was forced to remark after a stay there: "Well, I don't understand it, but Stalin seems to have sold them Communism to such an extent that they don't want a counter-revolution."

Jerome Landfield of San Francisco, lawyer, wrote the introduction to "Prisoner of the OGPU," and Boris Kitchen, a brother of George Kitchen who recently died, lives in Burlingame. George Kitchen was imprisoned on charges of spying, incidentally; the reviewers who like his book don't think that is a crime that matters in Bolshevik Russia.

#### EXCERPTS

"I remembered speeches of Stalin at party congresses, to leaders of industry or to peasant champions; they never appealed to emotion; they analyzed difficulties and direction.

"Then out of submerged people, entangled in ignorance and inefficiency, arose whirlwinds over the Lower Volga in the days of mass collectivization, needing no longer to be stirred, needing only comfort. Had they all felt set free as I had, when they saw the clear direction of line?

"Stalin, then, did this for everybody. . . . But when you analyzed humanity through to the bottom, you found, under a thousand tossing desires and emotions, two wills which could never unite. The will of exploiters to hold power and the will of exploited masses for freedom could not be reconciled.

"The will of the masses was hottest in those who were most exploited; it exploded strongly, for instance in Mexico peons and Chinese farmhands; but it was confused in them, striving partly against property and partly to gain property.

"The will of the masses grew clearer in workers organized around machines of modern industry who could never individually possess their tools of production. In them the will for joint possession, for socialism, could become conscious, could find a path and a line. This was why they became leaders and the exploited masses coalesced around them.

"The will of the working-class that beats its way through the

#### \* Ode to Liberty

If you are not convinced that communists are vulgar, blatant, ill-mannered bores who eat like gluttons and drink their soup with loud gurglings, you should have seen the play "Ode to Liberty," lately at the Geary. (Adapted from the French "Liberte Provisoire.")

A wealthy banker's wife, Madeline, tires of her stuffy husband and leaves him for a life of "liberty." An escaped communist, pursued by the police, hides in her apartment. Madeline discovers him. He forces her to shelter him, at the point of a pistol. The play proceeds in a series of schemes that burlesque the revolutionary movement by introducing as communist characters who are uncouth and ignorant.

The "dramatic" climax occurs when the jaded Madeline, grateful to the man who has delivered her from a dull and silly existence, decides she is "in love" with him. But the police have surrounded her apartment and the escape of the enamored duo is impossible. So the undaunted woman tricks her husband into pulling wires for the release of the communist (whom, of course, she has arranged to join, presumably for a stretch of sunbathing on the Riviera).

The playwrights have been running out of new plots these days, in the effort to ignore practically the whole of contemporary life. Undoubtedly the distortion of the Marxian philosophy and its adherents will furnish many more such cheap melodramatic farces.

J. L.

#### PROTEST THE SHOWING OF THESE FILMS

"Riffraff"—M.G.M. picture slandering the San Francisco waterfront unions and their leaders. Soon to be released. With Jean Harlow and Spencer Tracy.  
"Frisco Kid"—Hearst-Warner film glorifying the vigilantes of old San Francisco. Vicious propaganda for anti-working class violence. With Jimmie Cagney. Soon to be released.

#### MURDER

Index to the increasing use of violence in motion pictures: among the titles in one day's ads—  
"Murder in Trinidad." "Murder Man." "Murder in the Fleet."  
"And it may be added that plenty of other films of the same day had killings also: "Special Agent," "China Seas," "Public Hero No. One."

In the days of Imperial Rome's economic crisis, the politicians of the day (such as Julius Caesar) gave the unemployed masses gory spectacles like wholesale hand-to-hand combats of slaves (gladiators). Eventually the slaves turned upon their masters.

crashing debris of centuries with the tools of new production in its hands. That was the deep will that Stalin analyzed and thus released to action.

Excerpts taken from "I Change Worlds" by Anna Louise Strong.

**The Fascist Road to Ruin, by George Seldes, Published by American League Against War and Fascism, New York. 31 pp. price 5 cents.**

(Contrary to opinion prevailing amongst a large section of the American People, Mussolini and his Fascist regime did not pull Italy out of the doldrums into which she, along with all other capitalist nations, had sunk immediately following the World War. Seldes, in this pamphlet, shows that fascism in Italy falsified its books consistently in order to secure more easily the badly needed loans from foreign banking firms.

Mussolini inaugurated fascism by the same bloody route that later was taken by Hitler. Seldes shows that in 1923 Mussolini organized a secret police which had murdered or beaten all the leaders of the five or six opposition political parties, including the Socialist leader, Matteotti.

"But despite terrorism," says Seldes, "something at last is stirring in the fascist land and the feet of the men bearing bayonets are no longer steady. And to prevent the bayonets from piercing the fascist regime, it is necessary to turn them against foreign enemies. War is the inevitable climax of military imperialistic dictatorships."

The author spent some time in Italy during the time when Mussolini was attempting to solidify his rule. He speaks with authority. His statistics on the standard of living of the workers under Mussolini fascism are revealing.

# SING TO ME OF THE TRENCHES

## A Short Story

By Carle

(Note: We found this excellent story a bit too long for our limited space and asked the author to delete it to fit, which he obligingly did. It has lost nothing in the cutting; a certain leisurely tone merely being eliminated in the operation.—The Editor.)

The night was warm. He lay on his side on the bed, clothed only in a pair of pajamas. It was a pair of pajamas to which he was particularly partial. Made of light material—cool, soft, and sleek against his skin. He was reading. Or perhaps I shouldn't even hint at being facetious. He had a magazine in his hand, and the light on the bed-side table behind him was lit, and his gaze was centered on printed pages.

The only sound was a perpetual squeak and inorganic groan. The ironing board was causing that. His young wife was ironing in the next room.

"You're not going to sleep right away, are you, Dear?" she called. "No, I'm reading."

"Then I won't disturb you when I bring these shirts in."

I've been trying to say that he wasn't reading. He was thinking a lot about these pajamas he had on. The truth is, he had never worn them before; they were new. He was very conscious of their feel. He was conscious of the luxurious softness of sprawling on top of the bed on a warm evening with the lively light and the calm. And he had the best little wife in the world. They had not been married long, of course. And he loved her dearly, and she loved him dearly. While he was on the subject of her he could have elaborated; and he did.

But in spite of everything it was a grand comfort to lie there lazily with a new pair of pajamas, in a cozy room, in the quiet, and rest and think of material advantages and of a wife.

It was a retreat—and escape. But it was a wonderful thing to think about. Because it was something that everyone should have: a new pair of pajamas, and a comfortable home, and a lovely wife to think about you.

She came in, his wife, and hung an ironed shirt in the closet. "Another one and I'll be done." He caught her hand as she came by the bed. "Come here a minute."

"Have you something you want to read to me?"

"Better than that." It was not unattractive when you consider that he had just been thinking so much about her. And evidently the whole process wasn't unnatural because she showed no signs of surprise. He exerted a little force and caused her to slip to the bed beside him.

"Honey," she protested, "My ironing."

"The heck with the ironing."

"You won't say that when you want a shirt."

"I don't want a shirt now. I

want a kiss and a big hug."

"You old baby. There . . . how's that?"

"Swell. And now a big hug." She made a face at him—a teasing distortion—and worked her arms around his neck and squeezed. His hand gently rubbed her shoulder—caressed it. He uncovered a serious response. Her cheek found his and rested there, a moment—another moment, tightly.

The seriousness broke. She turned her head and rested her cheek on his shoulder. Her finger twisted the collar of his jacket. She kissed his chin. "I've got to finish my ironing."

He released her without a word.

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There were a whole mess of outstanding patriots in the meeting room. Someone brought out a last edition and they all bent over the sheet excitedly: Allies Fail to Advance in Terrific Fighting. The story was a rehash. Japan, Poland, Austria, Germany in a concerted offensive failed again to cross the border into Soviet territory. In one corner of the paper was a brief notice that went entirely ignored by the patriots: "Last night's fighting brought the toll of dead up to 26,000."

Voices broke out in a hubbub. "I've been telling you for years that we are allowing them to grow too strong."

"Oh, they're weakening. The minute we cross their borders they're done for."

"Ethiopia is doomed. Russia won't be long in following."

"That's the way to talk."

"When this is over there will be Ethiopia and the Soviet Union to divide up. And we're going to get our share of those markets, gentlemen, we're going to get our share!"

"Are you forgetting our internal strife? We're not dealing with these Communists properly."

"I wouldn't worry about it too much. When the U.S.S.R. falls Communism falls with it."

"Nevertheless, if we don't watch our step we'll be caught with our pants down. Gentlemen, this what I mean." He pointed to a headline on the front page: LONGSHOREMEN BATTLE NATIONAL GUARDS ATTEMPTING TO LOAD OVER-SEAS SHIPMENTS IN PACIFIC PORTS.

"Jesus! this is funny! Soldiers starve in trenches while longshoremen delay food shipments."

"What's funny about it?"

"Starving for bullets—ha-ha."

"There's nothing funny about any of this. Here—" He thumbed through the paper, reading at random. "Eastern longshoremen vote to support pacific coast maritime strike." "Striking textile workers refuse peace move of federal mediation board." "Three munition workers arrested attempting to foment strike." "Department of Justice to investigate Communist activities." "Well!"

"The only way to combat this,

gentlemen, is to form a 'Citizens' guard.' Use public sentiment. Get a propaganda committee to work. Letters from starving soldiers." . . .

The night was hot—oppressive—sticky—feverish. The heavens were on fire. The earth was in pain, and trembled and groaned. The battlements made the night hideous with their roofs.

He crawled in the mire! He wallowed and thrashed and groaned in the slippery wet of a torn and bloody earth. His body was burning up with fever—the fever of wounds—the fever of the tropics.

His detachment see-sawed forward, leaving him with the dead and wounded. He cursed; he crawled; he cried. One hand tried to push his steaming intestines back in a gaping hole in his belly. But they oozed through his fingers like wet snakes. He cried! He mumbled insanely. He couldn't see, but he could remember!

He could remember:

The newspapers: Your Country Needs You. Save the World From the Black Hordes. Protect Your Home from the Red Menace. . . . A brief history of Ethiopia. Races of the U.S.S.R. Ethiopian beauties—with photographs. Russian women; past and present. Curious love practices of Ethiopian women.

The screen: "African Romance." "Dawn over Somaliland." "Ukrainian Adventure." "Dusky Maids." "Black Slavery." "Red Empire." "Slave Girl."

Radio and Tin-pan alley: "By the light of the African moon." "Putting Stalin in His Place." "While we step along the steppes." "Send us ice-cream over there." "In my tent in Africa."

He could remember . . .

Unquestionably they were very much in love with each other. This was proved by their willingness to do the most trivial things for each other. And wholly understandable too, when you consider among other things her face moist and flushed from the warm evening and the exertion of ironing—and her eyes all asparkle.

She was on her knees at the bed, in a curious posture women can attain. Frequently she punctuated their conversation with a quick kiss on his lips.

"You look so comfortable I wouldn't think of disturbing you."

"As if you could."

"I know you want to read your magazine."

"I haven't read a line in the blamed thing. The stories in it are so stupid, the characters are so stupid. They have such a terrible time solving their little problems . . . Why don't they write stories about people like us?"

"What would they write?" She laughed and kissed him.

"About what we do at home and in the world outside. Those are the real stories."

"Silly boy." She laughed and kissed him.

He became suddenly serious.

"But imagine people actually getting divorced the way they do in these stories." She didn't laugh. He reached out and put his arm about her shoulders and pulled. She didn't resist much. Then, as only a woman can, she seemed to float onto the bed. Her arms held him in a tight embrace—an eloquent embrace.

Yes, this girl loved this boy very much. She told him that. She loved his body. His arms must always hold her tightly. "I can't ever lose you," she whispered, "that would be horrible . . ."

He grovelled. He squirmed his way along. He screamed and cried—great tears coursing down his face. He could still cry! How could his body stand it? How could his body go through this hellish torture and retain consciousness?

How had he got into this in the first place? United States wasn't going into war! Congress had voted neutrality! Damn their lying skins, anyway!

She loved him. She told him that. . . . To be back with her again—back in her arms. To have a new pair of pajamas! To be out of this hell—with her—with his arms around her!

She loved his body. She told him that, too—his perfect body. . . . But even if he could get his intestines to stay in his belly there would still be the horrible scar. He could never put his arms around her again; one of them was paralyzed—the bones in the elbow shattered. She could not run her fingers through his hair. It was gone—every last vestige of it burned away with liquid fire. Chemical had eaten away his eyelids and nostrils. Great tears flowed out of his grotesque eyes and trickled down his face.

He could remember!

Maybe she would not love him now. Maybe she would not love his body that was a beautiful body—a perfect body. Even a pair of pajamas with one leg cut off and sewed up couldn't hide everything.

He could remember! So, too, could . . .

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China Rebellion Grows—Spreads to Japan.

Hitler Helpless in Face of Civil War.

New Rioting in Paris Streets.

Communist Revolt in Italy—Mussolini fleeing.

Soldiers' wives in nation-wide demonstration.

Women demand hostilities cease.

Wives and mothers storm white house in peace march.

Congress votes drastic "Emergency Army" legislation.

Longshoremen tie up shipping.

Pickets battle "Citizens' Guard."

Marine federation in control of pacific ports.

Munition workers strike.

Strike . . . Strike . . .

Strike . . . Strike . . .

# HEALTH AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE

## By The WESTERN WORKER MEDICAL BUREAU

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

#### ARTHUR ROSS, POLICE VICTIM

Our readers have read news accounts of the murder of Arthur Ross, militant member of the International Longshoremen's Association, by the San Pedro police in cooperation with the thug, Edgar Rueb. After being knocked unconscious by Rueb, he was taken by the police to the first-aid station and from there was sent out to wander the streets in a dazed condition, even though his skull was fractured.

With every movement of the body, the fragments of bone in a broken skull tear at the delicate membranes of the brain that lie directly underneath and cause blood to escape into the brain. Naturally such a victim is bound to stagger when walking and to the stupid plug-uglies that pass as police on the waterfront, such a man is just another drunk.

So he was thrown into the drunk tank, probably being beaten up by some bruisers in the process, and left unconscious for 16 hours before being released to friends. He died several days later.

As we have been arrested several times in the course of our activity in the workers' movement and have been thrown into the drunk tank in the San Francisco jail, we feel qualified to pass judgment as to whether such a place is a fit place for a skull-fracture victim. A number of drunks are thrown in together and, as some are still hilarious, there is a constant yelling, shouting, and fighting, day and night. When a new man is brought in that the jailers don't like, or if they don't like the shouting, they give one or two drunks a severe beating, which adds to the disturbance.

There is no place to sit or lie down except the slats on the floor and there are no blankets. There is vomit everywhere.

Contrast this with the treatment that a skull-fracture patient should have and one will see that the San Pedro police are largely responsible for Ross's death. He should have absolutely quiet surroundings and must lie perfectly quiet, with morphine given to soothe him if necessary. He should have a fluid diet and elevation of the head.

Of course many cases require immediate operation. This is not the first time that such a brutality has been committed by police on the West Coast.

#### ILD Calls Herndon Demonstration in L. A. Plaza on Oct. 5

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22.—Localizing the national campaign to force the immediate release of Angelo Herndon by the United States Supreme Court when it reconvenes on October 7th, the International Labor Defense initiated plans here today for the holding of a gigantic mass demonstration on Saturday, October 5th, at the Plaza at 12:30 p.m.

The demonstration will be built around the following points: immediate release of Angelo Herndon, the Criminal Syndicalism victims in San Quentin Prison and Tehachapi Women's Prison, repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and against vigilante terrorism in California.

Trade unions, churches, Epic clubs, Utopian groups, and other organizations are being approached by the I.L.D. to build united front action at the demonstration.

The national drive for a million signatures to the Herndon freedom petitions reached a total of 203,000 signatures by September 14th last, approximately 10,000 of which were obtained locally. The goal of half a million signatures has been set for October 7th.

We urge you to send in unit experiences for the proposed Party Work column.

A resolution /condemning the Modesto dynamite frame-up.

A resolution against "red" Hynes' activity during the L. A. railway strike for which Hynes was paid \$7393.

A resolution against gangster rule and racketeering in affiliated unions.

A resolution supporting an arms embargo against belligerent nations. This was a substitute resolution replacing one introduced by the International Seamen's Union calling upon the membership of the Federation to refuse to manufacture or handle the shipment of munitions to Italy and to fight against another world war. The original resolution also contained a condemnation of Paul Scharenberg for his statement in favor of a war.

Three resolutions were introduced supporting Tom Mooney and the one adopted by the convention was a re-affirmation of the resolution passed at last year's convention at Santa Barbara.

A resolution condemning German fascism and its attack on German workers was adopted.

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# Progressive Resolutions Passed at Cal. AFL Session Despite Machine

## Cal. AFL Session Despite Machine

Progressive Forces Show Increased Strength—Fakers Oppose Anti-Hearst Move With "Free Press" Plea, Quash Debate on Labor Party Resolution

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 21.—One hundred and seven resolutions were introduced in the recent annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor and the fact that many of these measures were progressive and several of these progressive measures were adopted by the convention shows the increased strength of the progressive forces in unions throughout the entire state.

Even the reactionary officialdom was forced at times to make a show at being liberal and to "go along" with the progressives. Thus, Buzzell of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, one of the worst reactionaries, was compelled by the pressure of his rank and file to introduce a progressive measure condemning German fascism. And President Vandeleur made a speech before the San Diego Federated Trades Council in which he announced he was opposed to red-baiting and even described himself as a "radical."

**\* Reactionaries' Machine.**  
However, wherever it dared, the reactionary officialdom set out to kill all the more important progressive measures. The machine functioned perfectly for this purpose, inasmuch as Vandeleur had appointed only trusted reactionaries on the committees to whom the resolutions were referred. "Buzzell," Buzzell, a sly, dark-complexioned little man, red-baiter and able lieutenant of the Vandeleur-Scharrenberg command, was chairman of the committee on resolutions. Whenever an important progressive resolution came up Buzzell would announce the recommendation of the committee as "non-concurrence" and Vandeleur would railroad through a vote supporting the committee's recommendation as quickly as possible.

**\* Killed Labor Party Resolution.**  
The reactionary machine's chief support on the floor of the convention came from such henchmen as Fred West of the Window Cleaners, San Francisco, Enemies of the Sacramento Trades Council, Bruce of the San Pedro longshoremen and others.

On progressive measures the very minimum of debate was permitted, and in one instance not even the introducer of a progressive resolution was allowed to speak in favor of it. The fate of the Labor Party resolution is an example of how the reactionary machine functioned.

Two identical resolutions favoring the Labor Party had been introduced, one by the Machinists local of San Francisco, the other by the Bookkeepers, Stenographers, Typists, and Assistants of San Diego. As Buzzell approached the mike with Resolution 48 (for the Labor Party) in his hand he was heard to remark to Scharrenberg: "This is the Communist Party resolution."

He announced the recommendation of the committee as "non-concurrence" giving the time-

out and fallacious excuse of the reactionaries that the Federation should not mix in politics.

**\* Flag Demogogy.**  
Vandeleur permitted a delegate from the Machinists to talk for a short time in favor of the resolution. He went into a lengthy and heated tirade against it. Buzzell was permitted to further attack the Labor Party. Then, with half a dozen delegates on their feet, ready to talk for the resolution, Vandeleur recognized a motion to close the debate and the resolution was defeated.

A resolution favoring the American Youth Congress, shared the same fate as the Labor Party measure. The committee having recommended non-concurrence, a reactionary got the floor and pointing to the American flag said: "They (the American Youth Congress) stand for everything that that flag does not stand for."

Buzzell was heard to agree with a loud: "You're damn right they do!" A delegate from the Painters' Union of San Diego spoke for the measure but the committee's recommendation was accepted.

**\* "Free Speech for Hearst."**  
Two resolutions to boycott the Hearst press was defeated. The committee's excuse for voting non-concurrence was that "The Federation



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### Rally Support For C. S. Prisoners!

The appeal of the convictions of the eight Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial victims will be argued in the District Court some time in November. This places an immediate task on the shoulders of every union and workers' organization in the State. It is not a matter of championing the cause of the workers now in the penitentiary out of sympathy for them. It is a matter vital to your own interests. A few facts will show you why.

1.—The only evidence on which they were convicted consisted of a bundle of pamphlets and papers which are legally published and sold today in hundreds of book stores; the perjured testimony of three stool pigeons who were in the employ of the prosecution at the time they testified, and the perjured testimony of three admitted Vigilantes, one of whom was indicted for murder in connection with the killing of two workers during the San Joaquin cotton strike in 1933.

2.—More than a score of witnesses, workers, farmers, business men, and students took the stand and refuted the lies of the prosecution witnesses. Hundreds more stood ready to testify, but the numbers were so embarrassing to the court that Judge Lemon refused to let the defense call more witnesses.

3.—They were convicted on the charge of having advocated violence and sabotage and the overthrow of the government by these means. Hundreds were ready to testify that they advocated just the opposite. Not a single act of this nature was cited against them and in all the strikes and activities in which they figured, there was not one single example of such a policy.

These are only three of the scores of facts which expose the corruption of the C. S. trial. The defendants were convicted for organizing a union and winning better wages for the agricultural workers. Their trial was a test case to establish the C. S. Law as a weapon against organized labor in California.

The success of the appeal will depend entirely upon the strength of the mass pressure you put in back of it. Publicize the facts of the case and draw others into the fight for your comrades' freedom.

A pamphlet, "Criminal Syndicalism, the Courts Against Labor," giving the whole history of the Sacramento C. S. case will be available in the immediate future. Order bundles now from your Workers' Book Shop and prepare to distribute as many copies as possible.

### Wendell Phillips —On Labor—

"Now let me tell you where the great weakness of an association of workmen is. It is that it cannot wait. It does not know where to get its food for next week. If it is kept idle for ten days the funds of the society are exhausted. Capital can fold its arms and wait for six months; it can wait for a year. It can afford to wait! It can tire you and starve you out."

"And what is there against that immense preponderance of power on the part of capital? Simply organization—that makes the wealth of all the wealth of everyone. So I welcome organization. I DO NOT CARE WHETHER IT CALLS ITSELF TRADES UNION, CRISPIN, INTERNATIONAL OR COMMUNE. Anything that masses up a unit in order that they may put in a UNITED FORCE to face the organization of Capital. Anything that dies that, I say Amen to it. One hundred thousand men! It is an immense army. I do not care whether it considers chiefly the industrial or the political question, it can control the Nation IF IT IS IN EARNEST. The reason why the Abolitionists brought the Nation down to fighting their battle was that they were really in earnest, knew what they wanted and were determined to have it. Therefore they got it. The leading statesmen and orators of the day said they would never urge abolition. But a determined man in a printing office said that they should, and—they did it."

"And so it is with this question exactly. Brains govern this country. And I hope to God the time will never come when brains won't govern it, for they ought to. And the way that you can compel the brains to listen and to attend to you on the question of labor, actually to concentrate the intellectual power of the Nation upon it, is by gathering together by hundreds of thousands, no matter whether it be on an industrial basis or a political basis, and say to the Nation, 'WE ARE THE NUMBERS. AND WE WILL BE HEARD,' and you may be sure that you will."

### American Newspaper Guild and the A.F. of L.

The fact that the American Newspaper Guild membership of 3600 is about to begin voting on the question of applying for admission to the American Federation of Labor is of the greatest importance.

Without a doubt, the membership should be urged to signify complete unity with this major core of organized workers, and taught that despite weaknesses of policy and distinct shortcomings in conservative—even reactionary—leadership, the A. F. of L. is the logical place for newspaper workers of all categories. The reporters and editorial staff workers should join the printers in this alliance, to say nothing of cementing ranks with all workers by hand and brain.

Teachers, office workers, architects, engineers, and professionals of all descriptions have shown a healthy tendency to drop whatever barriers (imaginary or otherwise) that seemed to distinguish them from manual workers. Newspaper workers should join this impetus to unity.

Organize the unorganized newspaper workers! Vote to join the A. F. of L.!

### 400,000 Miners On Strike—Why?

At long last the coal strike has arrived, and 400,000 miners are exercising the only weapon that has ever won appreciable gains for workers. This approximates the number out in the famous textile strike last year. The entire coal industry is affected.

But—for how long? And what excuse has John L. Lewis to offer this time to stifle militant action on the part of men who have been as patient as Job. We may be sure that he has some trick up his sleeve for appearing the anti-capitalist champion of the miners, while actually playing the game of a favored section of the mine owners so long as a few petty gains, even illusory ones, to the United Mine Workers of America are permitted. It may well be that before this has actually gone to press the strike will be called off on some subterfuge or other, and 400,000 men once more victimized by skillful union job-holders.

In the meanwhile, strike action cannot indefinitely be postponed, or indefinitely thwarted once it has started. Figures published by the Labor Research Association in their mining bulletin are eloquent of the tragedy of miners' lives and the basic impulse to struggle. Thus, with the death rate per thousand of 1.01 in Belgium, 1.28 in Great Britain, and 1.93 in Germany, the United States shows 3.58!

Production figures for the same countries read per man per short ton per day:

Belgium, .73; Great Britain, 1.23; Germany, 1.60, and the United States, 4.29.

What is the significance of this? Death increases with speed-up! The share of American miners in their product is by far relatively less than that of miners in other countries.

Postponing strike action is postponing the inevitable. Struggle will accumulate to burst like a storm. The miners must press forward, speaking the language of action in defense of their right to maintain a decent standard of living.

Most owners can well afford higher wages. Those who cannot illustrate the stupidity that results from capitalist anarchy in production and the conflicts of private ownership. These are the precise factors that will determine the miners to go beyond the struggle for wages, ultimately to demand collective ownership and control of the industry as the only solution.

"Contemplate the mangled bodies of your countrymen and then say, 'What should be the reward of such sacrifices? Bid us and posterity how the knee, supplicate the friendship, and plow, and sow, and reap, to glut the avarice of the men who have let loose on us the dogs of war to riot in our blood and hunt us from the face of the earth? If you love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animating contest of freedom—go from us in peace. We ask not your counsel or arms. CROUCH DOWN AND LICK THE HANDS WHICH FEED YOU. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.'"

"What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that the people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take up arms. The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of tyrants. It is its natural manure."—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

### Communist Party Stands Behind Garrison

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Communist Party headquarters at 121 Haight street, accosted Garrison in the hall, stuck a gun in his ribs and threatened to "drill him clean" if he failed to come along. The agents had no warrant for arrest, but took him to the Federal building where they grilled him from three in the afternoon until eight at night. This yielding nothing, they took him to Police Headquarters and booked him on assault and battery charges.

A hearing was held at which the Major's daughter, now Mrs. Barbara Jones Henry, appeared, told of how she had been beaten a year and five months ago by a man who came up behind her, whom she never saw and could not identify, but whom she imagined to be tall and thin because she saw his shadow.

Garrison is tall and slim. An enlisted man, Private Trimble Kline, testified that on the night of the alleged attack he had passed the girl in the Presidio walking home in a heavy rain. He stated that a few steps behind her he passed another man whom he claims to identify as Garrison. His story goes that a moment after passing them, he heard a scream and ran back; that he saw Garrison beating the girl and that Garrison "disappeared in the bushes." Kline has been involved as "witness" in other "intelligence" cases for military authorities.

The "Major," in the meantime, has been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel. He is in the "Intelligence Department" and his concentration work is on combatting "radical" ideas in the ranks.

Jim Garrison's record as a fighter in the ranks of labor is one of the finest and most outstanding in the city. Beatings by the police, threats and intimidation have all failed to halt him in his constant and self-sacrificing labor in the interests of the working class. His voice has been heard at scores of meetings in halls, in parks and on the streets. The facts of this infamous attempt to frame him casts discredit, not upon Jim Garrison or the Communist Party, but upon the foes of that Party. Men who would stoop to a device as low, as mean and treacherous as this in hope of silencing the voice of one of San Francisco labor's finest and bravest fighters, deserve your contempt and the most vigorous mass protest.

The Communist Party stands firmly behind Jim Garrison, proclaims his absolute guiltlessness of this vicious charge, and calls upon all workers to protest to U. S. Commissioner Ernest Williams, Post Office Bldg., San Francisco, also to the Dept. of War, Washington, D. C., and to President Roosevelt and to Colonel Albert M. Jones at the Presidio.

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

## OPEN FORUM

### TO LOWER MEAT PRICES

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 16, 1935.

Editor Western Worker:  
The meat prices in San Francisco are prohibitive and meat is entirely out of reach of the unemployed and the small wage earners who are the chief sufferers.

I am in favor of laying plans for a city-wide mass meeting for the purpose of laying the basis for a boycott against the high costs of meats in San Francisco.

Comradely yours,

R. S. C.

### SOVIET PEACE POLICY

Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 19, 1935

The Western Worker:

I am herewith enclosing a letter appearing in the September 18 issue of the Illustrated Daily News, Los Angeles, under the authorship of your special correspondent on the Soviet Union, Mr. George H. Shofar. I do this to call your attention to the fact that after the Western Worker published a series of articles under his name, which undoubtedly built up the confidence of the workers, he is now using that name to insinuate actions on the part of the Soviet Union in connection with the imperialist adventures of France, Italy, and other European Powers, which the peace policy of the Soviet Union does not warrant or even suggest.

Therefore we feel it is important that you repudiate through your columns this statement that, "Between Britain and the Italo-German alliance, France will be forced to unite with the Continental powers. France's action automatically will compel the Soviet Union to move the Red Army to Italy's support..."

Fraternally Yours,

J. C. Coleman

Executive Sec. Friends of the Soviet Union.  
Editor's note: For a factual repudiation of Mr. Shofar's misinformed interpretation of the Soviet Union and its role in the imperialist war crisis now developing see article printed elsewhere on this page.

### HE GETS THEIR GOAT

Parkdale, Calif.

Editor Western Worker:  
I attended Knowland's first red-baiting meeting in the Oakland civic auditorium and listened to his harangue. Most of the working men and perhaps all union men know what this propaganda is all for, by this time.

The cry for peace and the articles printed in the papers, insulting the seamen and throwing the "cry of battle" in their teeth is not the way to peace; it is Mussolini's method for "peace."

Knowland, perhaps, has never spoken with Bridges and knows nothing about his real character, but disdainfully refers to "him and his ilk." I know nothing about Bridges myself, except he got their goat and must be a good organizer and does not answer their jibes and attacks—and is trusted by his union.

There is one thing about Bridges—they have not been able to bribe him.

A neighbor cancelled his subscription to the Oakland Tribune the same time I did and received a letter telling how fair the Tribune treated and paid their help. This just after Knowland's firing some of his old men for joining the Newspaper Guild. Knowland knew he was deliberately lying, but thought we would believe him.

I guess the Chronicle will have to go next. I am sick of their lies. It will soon be that a self-respecting citizen will have to read a labor paper to get any truth at all.

D. D.

### REVIEW HELPED

Burlingame, California, Sept. 19, 1935

Comrade Editor:  
This is to inform you of the success we had last week selling extra copies of "The Communist," and "Health and Hygiene," because you gave a short review of these magazines in the Western Worker.

Keep it up! And we will sell more!

Comradely yours,

Burlingame Unit

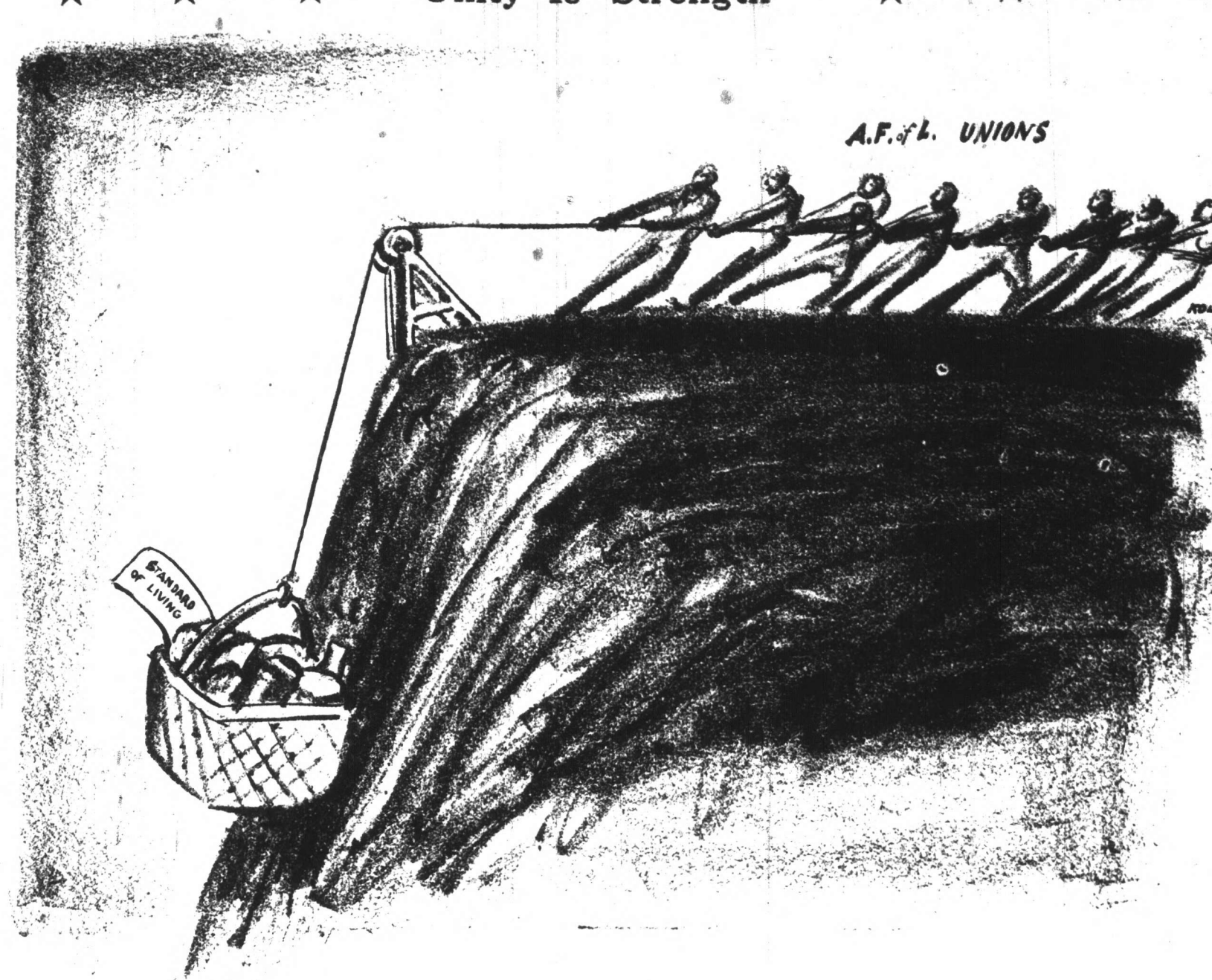
### Los Angeles Takes Lead in Daily Drive

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 22—With the sending of a \$100 check, making a total of \$300 thus far, to the Daily Worker in its current drive, the Los Angeles Section of the Communist Party today issued a challenge to any other section in District 13 in the drive toward the quota of \$1,500 assigned this section.

The Los Angeles Section expects to send another check for \$100 this coming Saturday.

The local drive will culminate on October 27th with the Daily Worker concert at the Mason opera house.

## ★ ★ ★ Unity Is Strength



## Sinclair Aids Fascism

### Epic News Supports Tragic Policy of The Lesser Evil

By Harvey Riggs

After Upton Sinclair has publicized the myth that Communism aids Fascism, one of his own writers adds to our evidence proof that Social Democratic reformism by class collaboration, serves Capitalism as the bridge building crew for Fascism. The "Epic News" writer, after first agreeing with his master that Communism aids the Fascists, proceeds to point out the role of his fellow-reformists in Germany. He writes:

"Throughout the whole life of fourteen years the Republic was handicapped by the week-end policies of the principle democratic party of Germany, the Social Democrats—dedicated to production for use—at least on paper. Time after time their actions were the perfect example of what a democratic production for use party should NOT do... instead of socializing German industry, and then holding their convention at Weimar in a state socially and economically prepared for political democracy, they left the economic power in the hands of the few industrialists who had controlled it in the old monarchy... they left by far the most important sources of power and influence in the hands of the strong enemies of the new system."

### \* Power For Bosses.

A better analysis could not be applied to the course Upton Sinclair is steering the Epic movement. He proposes a production for use Utopia for the unemployed leaving the power still in the hands of Wall Street and the influence of the Hearst press still in the hands of the strongest enemy of the new system. He rejects the Labor Party for the employed and unemployed; he rejects the real working class front against Fascism proved by France to be the only successful bulwark against Fascism; he promotes greater division between liberals and radicals by keeping alive the red scare.

## USSR Actively Opposes Italian War On Ethiopia

### Soviets Use Rift in Imperialist Front To Halt Il Duce

The Soviet government is unalterably opposed to and fights the imperialist designs of the capitalists with every means at its disposal. At the current meeting of the League of Nations, Litvinoff threw the following challenge in the face of the imperialists:

"The Soviet government is opposed to the system of colonies, to spheres of influence and to imperialism."

It is only the Soviet Union which has taken a consistent stand for peace, and which has openly championed the cause of Ethiopia, calling upon all members of the League to exert their collective authority in stopping Mussolini's drive toward war and conquest.

The Soviet Union, which is opposed to all imperialist aggression has steadfastly worked for peace in the interests of the exploited peoples of the world, and has utilized the antagonisms which exist between the imperialist robbers to impede the robber aims of Mussolini.

he marches forth into the administration's political camp—that of strike-breaker Johnson, the camp of work-or-starve Roosevelt; he rambles along the path of Farley and other clever demagogic politicians who are able to juggle news headlines first for the "right" then for the "left," both for the reassurance of Wall Street and for the education of hypnotized liberals.

"No, Communism is not the only aid to Fascism," the Epic writer continues. "The German Social Democratic party has shown us that. Their career of sacrificed principles, of compromise, compromise and more compromise, was brought to a close in the manner which might logically have been expected. Their epitaph might well be: 'They chose the lesser evil.'"

### \* Sinclair's "Lip-Service."

Sinclair, like his brother German reformists, is starting out very bravely, giving lip-service against fascism, then catering to them in condemning the Communists. His alibi for choosing the easy way is that Communism precipitates fascism by scaring the middle class. He then proceeds deliberately to scare the middle class with lies about the Communists. He asks production for use for the unemployed. "Please Mr. Capitalist, I'm not a Communist. Just give me your unemployed—please, sir! You don't need them any longer. Don't discharge them. We can use them to vote for Mr. Roosevelt, who says that he approves my Epic plan."

Mr. Roosevelt also approves of labor unions, so he gives them the W.P.A. coolie wage scale a year ago he declared: "I stand or fall by my refusal to accept as a necessary condition for my future a permanent army of unemployed." Now he declares reassuringly to big business, "This basic program (New Deal) however, has now reached substantial completion, and a breathing spell of which you speak is here—very decidedly so."

Very decidedly the President approves the plans of his fellow labor exploiters to put both un-

### Mass Labor Party is People's Salvation At This Time

employed and unionized labor where they want them: Work for less or starve! That's what the President meant when he declared bravely "the dole must cease!"

What he means by approving the Epic Plan is that his Democratic machine will run on the same schedule. Greedily the machine seeks the Epic lubrication, more votes. Roosevelt winks at Upton Sinclair for popular consumption, and in one year's time the Epic Plan, diluted by skilled diluters, will develop into glorified subsistence farming, whether Mr. Sinclair likes it or not.

### \* To Concentration Camp.

Like his Social Democratic brothers he will have to evade the disillusioned hopes of his followers and keep his fingers always pointed to a convenient future. On his liberal road to gradual reform he will one day find himself straightjacketed by his political associates; he will find himself tied down by the same fascist forces who joined him in railing the Communists. Worst of all he will find that his thirty-five years of political omniscience of which he boasts have led to one concrete result: Dividing the militant elements of the working class from their more timid brothers, and frightening the middle class with the "red menace." Unwittingly he is blazing his own trail to a concentration camp—unless, by continuing the class collaboration policy, he finds it easy at last to submit peacefully to his fascist forces which have used him.

There is but one logical alternative to the misleadership of Upton Sinclair and other anti-Communist reformists: an all-inclusive working class-middle class front against Fascism and Capitalist War, a liberal and radical and trade union United Front under the banner of the Labor Party, assuring democracy from below rather than Rooseveltian demagoguery from above.

### Litvinoff Asks Unity Of Action By All League Members

which are openly conspiring for war against the USSR. There is a contradiction here but it is a contradiction which arises from the existence of a Soviet state in the midst of a hostile capitalist world. It is not a sign of weakness that the Soviet Union trades with its enemies, but a sign of strength that they are forced to have economic relations with a country which they would like to despoil.

The Soviet Union's defense of the Ethiopian people is supported by the Communist Parties of the entire world. The call for the lifting of the embargoes on arms shipments to Ethiopia by England and France, which leave the Ethiopian people helpless in the face of Mussolini's war machine. They call for united action of all nations to stop the war. In these actions they fight for the Ethiopian people, and at the same time the Soviet Union at the League is leaving no stone unturned to forge collective action against Mussolini.

## World Events

By Emmett Kirby

### Mussolini Insane, Capitalist Press Now Finds Out

At about this stage of development in any impending war it is a time hallowed custom for papers in neutral countries and the opposition to print stories of the leader of one side being insane. Such stories now are printed concerning Mussolini.

The murder of Matteotti and torturer and prisoner of scores of thousands of Italian workers is reported, in a copyrighted article by Edmund Taylor released through Associated Press, as disappearing from his intimate aides for hours at a time, isolating himself to sit brooding, and, when found at last, refusing to speak to these friends. His egomania, in effect, is unbalancing him, and he is becoming exceedingly depressed.

His egomania, of course, has not been news for the past fourteen years. Neither has his depressed state of mind rapidly alternating with fits of exaltation. They are the natural state of a leader of fascism, whose groundless and grandiose claims are not actually on bestiality.

But the present state of affairs in Italy, the lack of enthusiasm and confidence in war as expressed by the middle class, and the outright opposition to it by the workers and peasants, would certainly depress any "Little Caesar."

### \* Caught in Jam

He is caught in a jam of his own creating. To back down now is something his ego balks at. To go on daily grows more risky. And the fruit of his years of fascist rule is a desperate situation whereby he faces disaster after war. He is reported to admit this in his more lucid moments, and speaks of his "destiny" forcing him to bloody disaster.

To quote Taylor:

"But he does not see any way out. He sees himself caught in the wheels of the war machinery which he himself set in action. He is convinced the whole fascist regime will crumble like a house of cards if he is obliged to back down in front of the world on his Ethiopian adventure and he has taken such an extreme position he does not see any way he can compromise without obviously backing down."

### \* War Bonds Not Wanted

In addition to points enumerated in our last article, other facts daily bear this out. The war loan bonds are not doing so well. And the previous bond issues which selling at 68 are exchangeable for the new issue at 80 should certainly jump if there were any public backing to the war loan, especially in view of the financial attractions offered by the new issue.

But after a full 48 hours of sale the old issue, instead of jumping to around 80, as they should under a government in which there is confidence, had only gone to 68 1/2.

Not only the workers and peasants, who have carried on a spreading fight against the impending war, but the middle class as well are opposing the paranoiac's plans of conquest.

### \* They Done Him Wrong

Having indicated he will not accept the proposals of the League of Nations' committee of five, he is now tentatively proposing that they might, "if sufficiently modified," serve as a basis of negotiations. And his latest blast is that England is picking on him by mobilizing a fleet in the Mediterranean. This blast coincided with Laval's having taken a definite stand behind the League of Nations in the intended applications of sanctions.

This latter move of Laval's, the capitalist press reports, is due to the clucking of Britain who threatened to advance Hitler a loan of \$300,000,000 for his war industries, and cancelled it as the price for Laval's support at Geneva.

This item might be true, but it would speak less loudly in the ears of Laval than the thunder of the Front Populaire de France. Led by the Communist and Socialist Parties and the strong trade unions, the Front of the working class and peasantry has been conducting a strong fight against support for the fascist attack on Ethiopia. And international working class solidarity has been strengthened in the past few weeks between the workers of France and of Britain in this fight against war.

Lacking the support he had counted on—because of working class opposition—and faced by a League of aroused nations—whose actions are in large part due to working class sentiment—Mussolini certainly knows he faces disaster. And the main disaster is the high possibility that the working class in Italy, against his war, will carry on to overthrow him.